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IN RE: APPLICATION OF TEGA CAY WATER SERVICE,
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MODIFICATIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE
PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

Introduction, Economic Background and General Considerations

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION.

A. My name is Douglas H. Carlisle, Jr. My business address is 1401 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201. I am the economist at the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff.

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.

A. My undergraduate degree is from Brown University and I have an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. I was employed by the United States Governmental Accountability Office for about seven years, as an instructor at Midlands Technical College and a marketing consultant for about three years and with the State of South Carolina since then. I first was employed by the State Reorganization Commission doing post-audit follow-up, then by South Carolina House of Representatives, under the Education and Public Works Committee. I next worked five years for the State Economist in the Office of Research and Statistics, permanently attached to the Board of Economic Advisors. For seven years I have worked at the Office of

Regulatory Staff. I have previously testified before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission” or “PSC”) regarding appropriate returns on equity (“ROE”).

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

A. The purpose of my testimony is to recommend the appropriate ROE for Tega Cay Water Service, Inc. (“Tega Cay” or “the Company”) to the PSC.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION?

A. I recommend that the Company receive a return on equity within my range of 8.48% to 9.98%.

Q. WHAT CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD INFORM ALL RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING RETURN ON EQUITY?

A. Two sets of important considerations underlie a reasonable recommendation of ROE. First are those set forth in the well known court decisions (see Exhibit DHC-1), which state that a company should have the opportunity to earn what a similarly situated company engaged in the same general line of business receives. Second, the return should reflect what the average investor would earn from the Company, given the realities of the market, the expectations of investors and the situation of the Company. The concept of the average investor is quite important because, although all ROE analysts use simplifying assumptions, the concept of the average investor cannot be eliminated. Popular media make much over “star” analysts and some even enjoy celebrity status, but such people are extremely rare and few remain exceptionally adept at predictions for very long, so actual figures, tempered by historical experience is a reasonable way to approximate what average investors would do and what returns companies would realize.

Q. ARE HIGH RETURNS OR RETURNS ABOVE AVERAGE IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN?

A. No. The average investor in a company has very little chance of realizing high returns or returns above average. Two qualifications apply: 1) statements about returns must be adjusted for risk; and 2) any reference to particular investors and their gains realized from stocks must

1 keep in mind that every lucrative sale or purchase has another buyer or seller making the converse
2 decision. Someone selling stock, for example, is selling to someone else who thinks it is time to
3 buy the stock. My analysis seeks to determine what an investor would earn over time, given that
4 the investor's characteristics are veiled to us.

5 **Q. ARE ALL INVESTORS THE SAME?**

6 A. No. The tradeoff between risk and return will vary among investors, so an ROE analyst
7 must determine what the market indicates about such tradeoffs. Investors are individuals and
8 none of them are perfect and market conditions will vary causing decisions and returns to vary
9 among companies. Combined, these two reasons explain why investors do not produce identical
10 results for all companies all the time.

11 **Q. IS A RISK PREMIUM THE BEST BENCHMARK TO DETERMINE RISK**
12 **ADJUSTMENTS FOR RETURN?**

13 A. There have been debates for years over what the risk premium is but nothing has been
14 dispositive. Recent financial and monetary events have aggravated this conundrum. Since the
15 inception of the recent recession, the Federal Reserve has deliberately lowered effective interest
16 rates by buying large quantities of U.S. Treasury securities, a strategy known as "Quantitative
17 Easing," and then, in a refinement of its strategy, bought longer-term Treasury securities in a
18 policy known as the "Twist." While it is clear that the Federal Reserve's actions had some
19 impact, it is far from clear exactly what the impact is. The impact on macroeconomic indicators
20 has been muted – inflation has remained relatively low and unemployment high – but interest
21 rates have remained low. Market forces dampen or magnify the actions of the Federal Reserve,
22 so it becomes hard to distinguish market forces from monetary control.

23 **Q. IF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES ARE NOT RELIABLE BENCHMARKS, WHY NOT**
24 **USE CORPORATE BONDS AS A BENCHMARK?**

25 A. There are several problems with using corporate bonds as benchmarks for the risk-free

1 rate of return. The first problem is that they are not risk-free. The purpose of having ratings for
2 bonds is to assess the risk to bondholders. The second problem is that corporate bond rates are
3 influenced by Federal Reserve policies, so the same uncertainty about the effects of Quantitative
4 Easing and the Twist applies to corporate bonds. A third problem is that there is an implicit and
5 unproven assumption in using corporate bonds that there is a one-to-one relationship between
6 debt and risk. In the current low-interest rate environment, one can make a case that more cheap
7 debt will reduce risk, provided it is not taken to an extreme. Even if interest rates were not
8 historically low, it is far from clear that there would be a one-to-one relationship between the risk
9 of default on debt and risks threatening profitability. Even an arbitrage between debt and equity
10 risks does not eliminate the question of whether the two forms of capital can be equatable by
11 means of corporate bond interest rates, since the very nature of such trades involves parties with
12 different perspectives on risk and perhaps different time-horizons.

13 **Q. WHAT ARE THE MOST RELIABLE METHODS OF DETERMINING THE**
14 **APPROPRIATE RETURN ON EQUITY?**

15 A. I have used the Discounted Cash Flow Model (“DCF”) and the Comparable Earnings
16 Model (“CEM”), because I believe that they are the most reliable methods in the current
17 economic environment.

18 **Q. DO THE ISSUES REGARDING THE RISK PREMIUM HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR**
19 **THE COST OF CAPITAL AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE?**

20 A. Yes. With interest rates at historic lows, the cost of Long-Term Debt should fall with
21 them and companies should have a greater proportion of debt. I have included data on some
22 interest rates in Exhibit DHC-11. Each company, however, faces different circumstances,
23 depending on restrictions on debt ratios and secured indebtedness.

DCF Implementation, Discussion and Conclusions

Q. WHAT IS THE BASIC PREMISE OF THE DCF MODEL?

A. The DCF is based on the idea that the value of a company to a potential investor derives from the stream of income to be paid by the company, out to an infinite time-horizon. This concept focuses on the payment of dividends and the yield of those dividends.

Q. DOES TEGA CAY HAVE TRADED COMMON STOCK?

A. No, its stock is entirely held by Utilities, Inc., whose ultimate parent is a governmental entity established by the Province of British Columbia, Canada, for the purpose of funding that province's pensions.

Q. IF NEITHER THE COMPANY NOR ITS PARENT HAS TRADED STOCK, HOW DID YOU PERFORM YOUR ANALYSIS TO RECOMMEND A RETURN ON EQUITY?

A. To develop a fair rate of return recommendation for Tega Cay, I evaluated the return requirements of investors on the common stock of publicly-held water service companies.

Q. WHY DID YOU SELECT COMPANIES WITH PUBLICLY TRADED STOCK WHEN SELECTING YOUR PROXY GROUP?

A. First, Tega Cay has asked to be treated like a publicly traded company by applying for a rate-base ROE proceeding and by not asking for alternative treatment. Second, publicly traded water utilities are, after all, in the same line of business as the Company and so share similar risks. Third, data is far more readily available about publicly traded companies, so it is practical to use them.

Q. HOW DID YOU SELECT THE COMPANIES WITH TRADED STOCK?

A. These companies are classified as "water utilities" by Value Line, engage in water distribution and/or wastewater collection and treatment services for customers and obtain most of their revenues from utility services. There are nine such companies and they form my Proxy Group.

Q. DO YOU THINK THE PROXY GROUP IS TOO SMALL?

A. No. The purpose of a proxy group is not to represent a statistically valid sample, but rather to embody an analogous set of companies. Given the complexity of even simple companies and given the dynamism of market forces, it is highly unreasonable to expect a statistically valid sample. No two companies are identical and the multitude of business statistics and aspects of operations make even a strong statistical similarity between two companies fleeting. On the other hand, general similarities, such as being in the same business, are more enduring. For these reasons, a relatively small group of companies is appropriate in this analysis.

Q. WHAT WAS YOUR NEXT STEP AFTER SELECTING YOUR PROXY GROUP?

A. I obtained ten years' historical data on the indicators of growth: Earnings per Share ("EPS", Exhibit DHC-2); Book Value per Share ("BVPS", Exhibit DHC-3); Sales/Revenue (Exhibit DHC-4); and Dividends per Share ("DPS", Exhibit DHC-5). I computed the growth rate of each indicator for each member of my proxy group.

Q. WHY DID YOU CALCULATE THE GROWTH RATE OF EACH INDICATOR?

A. The DCF methodology involves thinking of each company as a stream of revenue from dividends, with growth rates acting as proxies for future payments. The DCF follows this formula:

$$K = D_1/P_0 + g,$$

where K=Cost of Equity, D=annual dividend payment, P=stock price, and g=growth.

Growth is not directly measurable. Stock prices are too volatile to be reliable indicators of growth. Sales, earnings, book value and dividends over the long-run reveal the growth of companies. No one of these indicators can outrun the others too long or too much without creating countervailing trends. Because the growth and the economic situation will change from year to year, I segment the data into ten-, five- and three-year intervals. I also use two measures of growth: compound and simple average.

Q. WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF USING TWO MEASURES OF GROWTH?

A. A simple average or “mean” is intuitively appealing and easy to compute. An investor who reinvests every year and flawlessly reads the market might be able to approximate such returns. On the other hand, the Compound Average Growth Rate (“CAGR”) or “geometric mean,” while more complicated to compute, gives a much more accurate picture of realizable growth. Consider the simple example of an investment that started at \$50, grew to \$100, then grew another 100% to \$200 and then lost 99%. The simple average would be computed on the percentage points as: $(100 + 100 - 99) / 3 = 33.66$. An investor who actually experienced such a variation in fortune, however, would wind up with two dollars, not an annual gain of 33.66%. The CAGR, however, yields a result of “-78.46%” – a loss of 21.54% each year. This is what an investor would actually realize on such an investment – a loss. Unless the percentage change is exactly the same each year, the simple average will always yield more than the compound average. Investors have access to both, so I have included both.

Q. WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP IN THE CALCULATION?

A. I average the averages, using (1) the simple average or “mean” and (2) the median.

Q. BECAUSE YOU RELY ON HISTORICAL DATA, DOES YOUR ANALYSIS ASSUME THAT INVESTORS BELIEVE THAT FUTURE GROWTH WILL BE THE SAME AS THE PAST?

A. No. Barring some major change in technology or other similar development, investors might assume that there will not be departures from past growth, but it is certain that investors must look to the future because that is where there returns will be realized. Accordingly, I include stock analysts’ predictions from three services. These predictions are averaged with the historical results to give the estimate of growth (Exhibits DHC-2 through 5).

Q. HOW ARE DIVIDENDS USED IN THIS CALCULATION?

A. I use the relationship between prices and the dividend payments, the Dividend Yield, to

1 add to growth to produce my estimate. Since dividend payments are on differing schedules,
2 depending on the company, and since companies tend to increase their dividends over time, I
3 have adjusted the Dividend Yield by half of the growth factor. (See Exhibit DHC-15 and as
4 applied at DHC-6.)

5 **Q. WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF YOUR DCF?**

6 **A.** My DCF analysis produced a Cost of Equity Return on Equity of 8.48%. (See Exhibit
7 DHC-6)

8 **Q. IS THIS DCF RESULT ABNORMAL?**

9 **A.** No. Exhibit DHC-6 shows a strong rebound in EPS for the water companies in my Proxy
10 Group, but a slower growth in BVPS.

11 Looking at what composes the result – the sluggish growth in BVPS and the very mild
12 rebound of DPS growth (see Exhibit DHC-5) – and considering the trends among the three largest
13 companies is instructive. During a period of acquisitions and general economic growth, the
14 largest companies have come to own systems that will need investment. During the recent
15 recession, there was a “flight to quality” as investors sought safe investments in the midst of
16 serious stock market losses. Utilities have proven safe over the years, so it is not surprising that
17 their stock prices rose in the aftermath of the recession. American States Water and American
18 Water Works had the most notable stock price increases. The result of this pattern is that
19 dividend yields for these companies are somewhat low, compared to those of the other
20 companies. American States Water, while it has a dividend yield of 3.2% now (Exhibit DHC-8,
21 p.1), in the previous quarterly Value Line (Exhibit DHC-9), had a yield of only 2.8%. Between
22 these reports, the company boosted its DPS. These companies are forecasted to increase DPS
23 (see Exhibit DHC-5, p. 2 of 3) as they seek to recover and compete with the higher yields of
24 Middlesex, Artesian and California Water (Exhibit DHC-6).

What these components and trends show is that the companies face constraints on growth, both from the need to add book value and from the need to offer competitive dividend payments. Although investors might conceivably flee riskier stocks for water utilities, the countervailing need to keep dividend yields competitive places a limit on the potential impact of such a possibility.

CEM Implementation, Discussion and Conclusions

Q. WHAT IS THE BASIC PREMISE OF THE CEM?

A. The CEM views companies as “factories” for earning money and the “machinery” of these factories has a value – derived from a cost – represented by BVPS. The cost of goods and services is the input and growth in them that produces a rate of growth upon which investors may rely. There is no one interpretation or method under the CEM, so CEM analyses tend to be very judgmental. While there is nothing wrong with interpreting results and using judgment in performing analyses, I have used a definite method because it provides clear reasoning, especially in light of the contrast between the CEM and DCF.

Q. EXPLAIN THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE DCF AND CEM.

A. The two models rely upon two contrasting approaches in social science methodology: the Most Similar Systems Design and the Least Similar Systems Design.¹ The former seeks entities – in this case, companies – that are similar in most respects so that extraneous factors can be eliminated and only relevant ones remain – in this case, growth and dividend yields. The latter methodology seeks very different entities (companies) with the view that what these different entities have in common will answer a research question, in this case what return investors can hope to receive from an investment.

¹ Adam Przeworski and Henry Teune, *The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry* (reprint of 1970 edition), Pennsylvania State University/Krieger, 2001, Chapter 2.

Q. WHAT IS THE COMMON FACTOR AMONG THE COMPANIES YOU CHOSE?

A. The common factor is similar risk as measured by the covariance of the companies with the overall market or a proxy for the market, a statistic known as “Beta” (“ β ”). Utility companies tend to fluctuate less than the overall market, so they experience neither the highs nor the lows in returns that most other companies experience. This method eliminates utility companies to prevent circularity and ensures a comparison of a variety of companies having in common only risks similar to water companies’ risks. I achieved this similarity by selecting companies on the basis of their having β ’s in the same range as those of the water companies in my DCF Proxy Group.

Q. WHY DID YOU USE SIMLAR RISK TO EXPLAIN TOTAL RETURNS?

Under normal conditions, total returns would give a good indicator of expected returns for water companies. These are not normal conditions, and the CEM does not rely upon total returns, but rather upon growth in book value. This less direct indicator of returns assumes a certain degree of consistency in the relationship between growth and return. A requirement of the CEM is a long time-horizon. I used 10 years of historical data and three to five years of forward-looking data which has the advantage of making any transformational change in the relationship between BVPS growth and return less likely. In addition, my analysis selected a large number of companies whose individual idiosyncrasies should offset one another.

Q. HOW DID YOU PERFORM THE CEM ANALYSIS?

A. I selected companies whose current Value Line β ’s fell within the range of those of my DCF Proxy Group water companies and eliminated any companies whose 10-year β ’s were 0.15 below the minimum Proxy Group β or 0.15 above the maximum Proxy Group β . I eliminated those companies that had neither a 10-year BVPS growth rate nor a projected BVPS growth rate. I eliminated all foreign, financial and utility companies as indicated by Value Line. This selection process produced a group of 148 companies (see Exhibit DHC-7, p. 1-7).

1 Once the group had been selected, I calculated the mean and median of their historical
2 and projected BVPS growth and averaged them. I next stratified the companies by the β range of
3 the DCF Proxy Group companies and averaged the result, again for both historical and projected
4 BVPS growth rates. I averaged the unstratified results with the stratified results. Last, I weighted
5 the stratified result by the number of DCF Proxy Group companies in each stratum and averaged
6 those results. Finally, I averaged the average unstratified with average stratified result to produce
7 the indicated cost of equity or recommended ROE (See Exhibit DHC7, p. 7). All of these
8 averages eliminate the effects of outliers and dynamic changes over time that may cause BVPS
9 growth or β 's to vary.

10 **Q. WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THE CEM ANALYSIS?**

11 A. The CEM analysis indicates an ROE of 9.98%.

12 **Q. DO YOU CONSIDER THIS AN ABNORMAL RESULT?**

13 A. No. It is above the midpoint of recent electric rate-case ROE's granted by the
14 Commission. I recommend that the Commission consider my range in light of the following
15 observations on cost of debt and capital structure.

16 **Cost of Debt and Capital Structure**

17 **Q. WHY ARE CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND COST OF DEBT PARTICULARLY**
18 **RELEVANT UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES?**

19 A. The costs of various forms of debt are at long-term lows. For example, the last time Baa
20 rated (Moody's rating service, as reported by the Federal Reserve) corporate debt was at its
21 current rate was when Lyndon B. Johnson was President and the United States was involved in
22 the Viet Nam War (see Exhibit DHC-10). Under these circumstances, companies have the ability
23 to obtain cheap debt and lower their interest payments.. A somewhat higher Long-Term Debt-to-
24 Capital ratio is appropriate under these circumstances.

Q. WHAT IS THE COST OF LONG-TERM DEBT IDENTIFIED BY TEGA CAY IN ITS APPLICATION?

A. Leaving aside flotation costs, it is 6.58%.

Q. WHAT IS THE CURRENT INTEREST RATE FOR BAA CORPORATE BONDS?

A. According to November 1, 2012 edition of *Blue Chip* (see Exhibit DHC-11) the current interest rate was 4.53%.

Q. HAVE ANY UTILITY COMPANIES OPERATING IN SOUTH CAROLINA FLOATED DEBT FOR THIS RATE OR LOWER?

A. Yes. This year, SCE&G established a revolving credit arrangement of LIBOR plus a maximum adder of 1.65%, as an option. Last year, Duke Energy issued bonds at 3.9%. Another, smaller water company has an effective floating rate around 3.5%. Such instances are not unique.

Q. ARE THERE ANY RECENT RATE CASES FOR A LARGE WATER COMPANY WITH A LONG-TERM DEBT RATE UNDER 6.00%?

A. Yes. The Arizona-American Water Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of American Water Works Company received an order from the Arizona Corporation Commission based on a Long-Term Debt rate of 5.66%. (See Exhibit DHC-12, p. 3 of 3.) I note that the Rate of Return was 7.1%, partly because Short-Term Debt was allowed in the capital structure and the short-term debt rate was 0.41%.

Q. DO YOU HAVE AN EXAMPLE OF THE RATES PAID BY A COMPANY WITH FEWER CUSTOMERS THAN UTILITIES, INC.?

A. Yes. In its Securities and Exchange Commission filing as of December 31, 2011, York Water Company had an implied rate of 6.06%. Even allowing for a small portion of cheaper Short-Term Debt payments in this figure, it is significantly under 6.58%. Consider York Water Company's statement in its filing [underlined for emphasis – note that the 7.1% is the rate of

increase, not the interest rate]:

Interest on debt for 2011 increased \$348, or 7.1%, from \$4,906 for 2010 to \$5,254 for 2011. The increase was primarily due to interest of \$577 on the 5.00% Senior Notes, Series 2010A, issued in October of 2010. Offsetting the increase were lower interest payments of \$149 on the Company's lines of credit due to reduced borrowings, lower interest of \$67 due to retirement of the 3.75% Industrial Development Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1995, in June of 2010 and other lower interest expense of \$13. During 2011, there were no borrowings under the lines of credit. The average interest rate on the lines of credit was 1.54% for 2010 on average debt outstanding of \$7,191. Interest expense in 2012 is expected to remain consistent with 2011.

From this statement, I conclude that at least one small company has been able to obtain lower interest rates than Tega Cay's parent company. A look at York Water's selected financial data reveals their Long-Term Debt rate has averaged 5.63% in the period 2007 through 2011 (See Exhibit DHC-13.)

Q. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOUR ROE WERE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE RATE OF RETURN TEGA CAY WOULD RECEIVE UNDER A 6.00% RATE ON LONG-TERM DEBT?

A. I calculate that it would lower the ROE by about 60 basis points. (See Exhibit DHC-14.)

Q. WOULD YOU CONSIDER A COST OF LONG-TERM DEBT OF 6.58% TO BE UNREASONABLE?

A. Yes, in my opinion it is unreasonable. Interest rates are at historic lows (Exhibit DHC-10) and Tega Cay a subsidiary that has to pass along the financing decisions of its parent company to the ratepayer. Tega Cay has filed in its Application a greater portion of Equity in its capital structure than it did in its previous rate case. For these reasons, I recommend the Commission weigh the issue of the Company's Long-Term Debt rate in its decision.

Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR DCF AND CEM RESULTS.

A. My DCF result was 8.48% and my CEM result was 9.98%.

Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

A. Yes.

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Although not an attorney, I note that there are legal cases whose general principals provide guidance regarding returns on equity. Excerpts below set these forth.

The Supreme Court of the United States set standards in two landmark decisions. In the first case, *Bluefield Water Works Improvement Co. v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, the Court declared:

A public utility is entitled to such rates as will permit it to earn a return on the value of the property which it employs for the convenience of the public equal to that generally being made at the same time and in the same general part of the country on investments in other business undertakings which are attended by corresponding risks and uncertainties; but it has no constitutional right to profits such as are realized or anticipated in highly profitable or speculative ventures. The return should be reasonably sufficient to assure confidence in the financial soundness of the utility and should be adequate, under efficient and economical management, to maintain and support its credit and enable it to raise money for the proper discharge of its duties.¹

The Court's opinion in *Bluefield* was later reinforced by the decision in another case, *Fed. Power Comm'n v. Hope Natural Gas Co.*:

[T]he fixing of "just and reasonable" rates, involves a balancing of the investor and consumer interests.... From the investor or company point of view it is important that there be enough revenue not only for operating expenses but also for the capital cost of the business. These include service on the debt and dividends on the stock..... By that standard the return to the equity owner should be commensurate with returns on investments in other enterprises having corresponding risks. That return, moreover, should be sufficient to assure confidence in the financial integrity of the enterprise, so as to maintain its credit and attract capital.²

The Court stated in *Hope* that regulation does not guarantee profitability and, in the Permian Basin Cases³, that, although investor interests are certainly relevant to rate-setting but not dispositive.

¹ *Bluefield Water Works & Improvement Co. v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n of West Virginia*, 262 U.S. 679, 6923 (1923).

² *Fed. Power Comm'n v. Hope Natural Gas Co.*, 320 U.S. 591, 603 (1944).

³ *Permian Basin Area Rate Cases*, 390 U.S. 747 (1966).

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\$ per share

COMPANIES \ YEARS	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
American States Water	\$1.35	\$1.34	\$0.78	\$1.05	\$1.32	\$1.33	\$1.62	\$1.55	\$1.62	\$2.22	\$2.23	\$2.45
American Water Works								\$1.10	\$1.25	\$1.53	\$1.72	\$2.15
Aqua America	\$0.51	\$0.54	\$0.57	\$0.64	\$0.71	\$0.70	\$0.71	\$0.73	\$0.77	\$0.90	\$1.03	\$1.05
Artesian Resources		\$0.76	\$0.64	\$0.72	\$0.81	\$0.97	\$0.90	\$0.86	\$0.97	\$1.00	\$0.83	\$1.16
California Water	\$0.47	\$0.63	\$0.61	\$0.73	\$0.74	\$0.67	\$0.75	\$0.95	\$0.98	\$0.91	\$0.86	\$0.95
Connecticut Water Service	\$1.13	\$1.12	\$1.15	\$1.16	\$0.88	\$0.81	\$1.05	\$1.11	\$1.19	\$1.13	\$1.13	\$1.41
Middlesex Water	\$0.66	\$0.73	\$0.61	\$0.73	\$0.71	\$0.82	\$0.87	\$0.89	\$0.72	\$0.96	\$0.84	\$0.85
SJW Corp.	\$0.77	\$0.78	\$0.91	\$0.87	\$1.12	\$1.19	\$1.04	\$1.08	\$0.81	\$0.84	\$1.11	\$1.05
York Water Co.	\$0.43	\$0.40	\$0.47	\$0.49	\$0.56	\$0.58	\$0.57	\$0.57	\$0.64	\$0.71	\$0.71	\$0.71

Note: *2012 numbers based on two quarters of actual and two quarters of estimates.

Source: Value Line, Exhibit DHC-8

Ratios of Change over Previous Year

COMPANIES \ YEARS	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
American States Water	1.05	0.99	0.58	1.35	1.26	1.01	1.22	0.96	1.05	1.37	1.00	1.10
American Water Works									1.14	1.22	1.12	1.25
Aqua America	1.09	1.06	1.06	1.12	1.11	0.99	1.01	1.03	1.05	1.17	1.14	1.02
Artesian Resources			0.84	1.13	1.13	1.20	0.93	0.96	1.13	1.03	0.83	1.40
California Water	0.69	1.34	0.97	1.20	1.01	0.91	1.12	1.27	1.03	0.93	0.95	1.10
Connecticut Water Service	1.04	0.99	1.03	1.01	0.76	0.92	1.30	1.06	1.07	0.95	1.00	1.25
Middlesex Water	1.29	1.11	0.84	1.20	0.97	1.15	1.06	1.02	0.81	1.33	0.88	1.01
SJW Corp.	1.33	1.01	1.17	0.96	1.29	1.06	0.87	1.04	0.75	1.04	1.32	0.95
York Water Co.		0.92	1.18	1.04	1.14	1.04	0.98	1.00	1.12	1.11	1.00	1.00

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Earnings per Share -- Historical Summary

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COMPANIES	10-yr Averages		5-yr. Averages		3-Yr. Averages	
	Compound	Simple	Compound	Simple	Compound	Simple
American States Water	6.22%	8.86%	8.63%	11.56%	14.78%	15.78%
American Water Works					19.81%	19.94%
Aqua America	6.88%	7.04%	8.14%	7.17%	10.89%	11.09%
Artesian Resources	4.32%	5.59%	5.21%	4.50%	6.14%	8.62%
California Water	4.19%	4.80%	4.84%	6.60%	-1.03%	-0.72%
Connecticut Water Service	2.33%	3.37%	6.07%	10.38%	5.82%	6.58%
Middlesex Water	1.53%	2.73%	-0.46%	1.89%	5.69%	7.34%
SJW Corp.	3.02%	4.39%	0.19%	-0.55%	9.04%	10.15%
York Water Co.	5.91%	6.11%	4.49%	3.58%	3.52%	3.65%

Means	4.30%	5.36%	4.64%	5.64%	8.30%	9.16%	Average of Period Averages
Medians	<u>4.26%</u>	<u>5.20%</u>	<u>5.02%</u>	<u>5.55%</u>	<u>6.14%</u>	<u>8.62%</u>	
Average of Mean & Median		4.78%		5.21%		8.05%	

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COMPANIES	Value Line*		Zacks [‡]	Yahoo [†]
	\$'s	%'s		
American States Water	2.80	3.89%	4.00%	6.00%
American Water Works	2.40	3.19%	7.80%	8.31%
Aqua America	1.35	7.44%	6.73%	6.60%
Artesian Resources	1.19	2.59%	4.00%	2.59%
California Water	1.30	9.38%	5.00%	5.00%
Connecticut Water Service	1.41	0.00%	6.10%	-0.84%
Middlesex Water	1.25	11.65%	2.70%	20.9%
SJW Corp.	1.35	7.44%	14.00%	29.1%
York Water Co.	0.79	<u>11.27%</u>	<u>4.90%</u>	<u>11.3%</u>
		6.32%	6.14%	9.89%
		7.44%	5.00%	6.60%
		<u>6.88%</u>	<u>5.57%</u>	<u>8.24%</u>

*Value Line, see Exhibit DHC-8; % =Compound Annual Growth Rate

[†] "Yahoo"=Yahoo!Finance web site

[‡] "Zacks"=Zacks web site

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	\$ per share											
COMPANIES \ YEARS	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
American States Water	\$13.22	\$14.05	\$13.97	\$15.01	\$15.72	\$16.64	\$17.53	\$17.95	\$19.39	\$20.26	\$21.68	\$22.80
American Water Works								\$25.64	\$22.91	\$23.59	\$24.14	\$25.40
Aqua America	\$4.15	\$4.36	\$5.34	\$5.89	\$6.30	\$6.96	\$7.32	\$7.82	\$8.12	\$8.51	\$9.01	\$9.25
Artesian Resources		\$9.65	\$9.01	\$9.26	\$9.60	\$10.15	\$11.66	\$11.86	\$12.15	\$12.44	\$13.12	
California Water	\$6.48	\$6.56	\$7.22	\$7.83	\$7.90	\$9.07	\$9.25	\$9.72	\$10.13	\$10.45	\$10.76	\$11.05
Connecticut Water Service	\$9.25	\$10.06	\$10.46	\$10.94	\$11.52	\$11.60	\$11.95	\$12.23	\$12.67	\$13.05	\$13.50	
Middlesex Water	\$7.11	\$7.39	\$7.60	\$8.02	\$8.26	\$9.52	\$10.05	\$10.03	\$10.33	\$11.13	\$11.27	\$11.80
SJW Corp.	\$8.17	\$8.40	\$9.11	\$10.11	\$10.72	\$12.48	\$12.90	\$13.99	\$13.66	\$13.75	\$14.20	\$15.30
York Water Co.	\$3.79	\$3.90	\$4.06	\$4.65	\$4.85	\$5.84	\$5.97	\$6.14	\$6.92	\$7.19	\$7.45	

Note: *2012 numbers based on two quarters of actual and two quarters of estimates.

Source: Value Line, Exhibit DHC-8

	Ratios of Change over Previous Year											
COMPANIES \ YEARS	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
American States Water	1.04	1.06	0.99	1.07	1.05	1.06	1.05	1.02	1.08	1.04	1.07	1.05
American Water Works									0.89	1.03	1.02	1.05
Aqua America	1.08	1.05	1.22	1.10	1.07	1.10	1.05	1.07	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.03
Artesian Resources			0.93	1.03	1.04	1.06	1.15	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.05	
California Water	1.00	1.01	1.10	1.08	1.01	1.15	1.02	1.05	1.04	1.03	1.03	1.03
Connecticut Water Service	1.04	1.09	1.04	1.05	1.05	1.01	1.03	1.02	1.04	1.03	1.03	
Middlesex Water	1.02	1.04	1.03	1.06	1.03	1.15	1.06	1.00	1.03	1.08	1.01	1.05
SJW Corp.	1.03	1.03	1.08	1.11	1.06	1.16	1.03	1.08	0.98	1.01	1.03	1.08
York Water Co.		1.03	1.04	1.15	1.04	1.20	1.02	1.03	1.13	1.04	1.04	

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COMPANIES	10-yr Averages		5-yr. Averages		3-Yr. Averages		Average of Period Averages
	Compound	Simple	Compound	Simple	Compound	Simple	
American States Water	4.96%	4.99%	5.40%	5.42%	5.55%	5.55%	
American Water Works					3.50%	3.51%	
Aqua America	7.81%	7.94%	4.79%	4.80%	4.44%	4.45%	
Artesian Resources			5.27%	5.38% ¹	3.42%	3.43% ¹	
California Water	5.35%	5.43%	3.62%	3.62%	2.94%	2.94%	
Connecticut Water Service	3.85%	3.87% ¹	3.08%	3.08% ¹	3.35%	3.35% ¹	
Middlesex Water	4.79%	4.87%	3.26%	3.30%	4.53%	4.57%	
SJW Corp.	6.18%	6.30%	3.47%	3.55%	3.85%	3.89%	
York Water Co.	6.99%	7.15% ¹	4.99%	5.06% ¹	6.66%	6.74% ¹	
Means	5.71%	5.79%	4.24%	4.28%	4.25%	4.27%	
Medians	5.35%	5.43%	4.21%	4.21%	3.85%	3.89%	
Average of Mean & Median		5.57%		4.23%		4.07%	4.62%

¹ Mixture of actual and estimated BVPS for 2012 was not available for Artesian Resources, Connecticut Water Svc., and York Water Co. Historical growth for those three companies was based on one-year earlier periods of time.

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COMPANIES	Value Line*	
	\$'s	%'s
American States Water	\$23.80	1.23%
American Water Works	\$26.70	1.44%
Aqua America	\$10.85	4.66%
Artesian Resources		
California Water	\$12.75	4.17%
Connecticut Water Service		
Middlesex Water	\$13.60	4.14%
SJW Corp.	\$17.15	3.32%
York Water Co.		
		3.16%
		<u>3.32%</u>
		<u>3.24%</u>

*Source: Exhibit DHC-8

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Sales/Revenues -- Historical Data

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COMPANIES \ YEARS	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
American States Water	\$209.20	\$212.70	\$228.00	\$236.20	\$268.60	\$301.40	\$318.70	\$361.00	\$398.90	\$419.30	\$445.00
American Water Works							\$2,336.90	\$2,440.70	\$2,710.70	\$2,666.20	\$2,905.00
Aqua America	\$322.00	\$367.20	\$442.00	\$496.80	\$533.50	\$602.50	\$627.00	\$670.50	\$726.10	\$712.00	\$780.00
Artesian Resources	\$34.60	\$36.30	\$39.60	\$45.30	\$47.30	\$52.50	\$56.20	\$60.90	\$64.90	\$65.10	
California Water	\$263.20	\$277.10	\$315.60	\$320.70	\$334.70	\$367.10	\$410.30	\$449.50	\$460.40	\$501.80	\$545.00
Connecticut Water Service	\$45.80	\$47.10	\$48.50	\$47.50	\$46.90	\$59.00	\$61.30	\$59.40	\$66.40	\$69.40	
Middlesex Water	\$61.90	\$64.10	\$71.00	\$74.60	\$81.10	\$86.10	\$91.00	\$91.20	\$102.70	\$102.00	\$105.00
SJW Corp.	\$145.70	\$149.70	\$166.90	\$180.10	\$189.20	\$206.60	\$220.30	\$216.10	\$215.60	\$239.00	\$255.00
York Water Co.	\$19.60	\$20.90	\$22.50	\$26.80	\$28.70	\$31.40	\$32.80	\$37.00	\$39.00	\$40.60	

*Note: *Figures for 2012 are based on a mixture of actual figures for known quarters and estimates for remaining quarters.*

Source: Value Line, Exhibit DHC-8

Ratios of Change over Previous Year

COMPANIES \ YEARS	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
American States Water	1.06	1.02	1.07	1.04	1.14	1.12	1.06	1.13	1.10	1.05	1.06
American Water Works								1.04	1.11	0.98	1.09
Aqua America	1.05	1.14	1.20	1.12	1.07	1.13	1.04	1.07	1.08	0.98	1.10
Artesian Resources	1.08	1.05	1.09	1.14	1.04	1.11	1.07	1.08	1.07	1.00	
California Water	1.07	1.05	1.14	1.02	1.04	1.10	1.12	1.10	1.02	1.09	1.09
Connecticut Water Service	1.01	1.03	1.03	0.98	0.99	1.26	1.04	0.97	1.12	1.05	
Middlesex Water	1.04	1.04	1.11	1.05	1.09	1.06	1.06	1.00	1.13	0.99	1.03
SJW Corp.	1.07	1.03	1.11	1.08	1.05	1.09	1.07	0.98	1.00	1.11	1.07
York Water Co.	1.01	1.07	1.08	1.19	1.07	1.09	1.04	1.13	1.05	1.04	

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COMPANIES	10-yr Averages		5-yr. Averages		3-Yr. Averages		Period Averages
	Compound	Simple	Compound	Simple	Compound	Simple	
American States Water	7.84%	7.91%	8.10%	8.15%	7.22%	7.25%	
American Water Works					5.98%	6.13%	
Aqua America	9.25%	9.40%	5.30%	5.38%	5.17%	5.30%	
Artesian Resources	7.36%	7.42% ¹	6.60%	6.66% ¹	5.02%	5.08% ¹	
California Water	7.55%	7.62%	8.22%	8.27%	6.63%	6.68%	
Connecticut Water Service	4.34%	4.63% ¹	8.15%	8.58% ¹	4.22%	4.40% ¹	
Middlesex Water	5.43%	5.50%	4.05%	4.16%	4.81%	4.96%	
SJW Corp.	5.76%	5.84%	4.30%	4.41%	5.67%	5.77%	
York Water Co.	7.66%	7.77% ¹	7.18%	7.24% ¹	7.37%	7.44% ¹	
Means	6.90%	7.01%	6.49%	6.60%	5.79%	5.89%	
Medians	7.46%	7.52%	6.89%	6.95%	5.67%	5.77%	
Average of Mean & Median		7.22%		6.73%		5.78%	6.58%

¹ Mixture of actual and estimated Sales/Revenue not available for Artesian Resources, Connecticut Water Svc., and York Water Co. Historical growth for those three companies was based on one-year earlier periods of time.

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COMPANIES	Value Line*		Yahoo [†]	Zacks
	\$'s	%'s		
American States Water	545	5.96%	3.20%	9.77%
American Water Works	3450	5.04%	3.10%	5.26%
Aqua America	950	5.80%	5.80%	5.51%
Artesian Resources			4.10%	6.04%
California Water	675	6.30%	4.30%	8.12%
Connecticut Water Service			11.40%	8.55%
Middlesex Water	145	9.66%	7.20%	4.69%
SJW Corp.	315	6.22%	7.30%	3.02%
York Water Co.			<u>4.70%</u>	<u>4.70%</u>
		6.50%	5.68%	6.18%
		<u>6.09%</u>	<u>4.70%</u>	<u>5.51%</u>
		<u>6.29%</u>	<u>5.19%</u>	<u>5.85%</u>

**numbers in the left column are actual predictions*

[†] "Yahoo"=Yahoo!Finance web site; 1-year estimates

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\$ per share

COMPANIES \ YEARS	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
American States Water	\$0.87	\$0.87	\$0.88	\$0.89	\$0.90	\$0.91	\$0.96	\$1.00	\$1.01	\$1.04	\$1.10	\$1.27
American Water Works								\$0.80	\$0.82	\$0.86	\$0.91	\$0.98
Aqua America	\$0.30	\$0.32	\$0.35	\$0.37	\$0.40	\$0.44	\$0.48	\$0.51	\$0.55	\$0.59	\$0.62	\$0.66
Artesian Resources	\$0.49	\$0.52	\$0.53	\$0.55	\$0.58	\$0.61	\$0.66	\$0.71	\$0.72	\$0.75	\$0.76	\$0.79
California Water	\$0.56	\$0.56	\$0.56	\$0.57	\$0.57	\$0.58	\$0.58	\$0.59	\$0.59	\$0.60	\$0.62	\$0.63
Connecticut Water Service	\$0.80	\$0.81	\$0.83	\$0.84	\$0.85	\$0.86	\$0.87	\$0.88	\$0.90	\$0.92	\$0.94	\$0.96
Middlesex Water	\$0.62	\$0.63	\$0.65	\$0.66	\$0.67	\$0.68	\$0.69	\$0.70	\$0.71	\$0.72	\$0.73	\$0.74
SJW Corp.	\$0.43	\$0.46	\$0.49	\$0.51	\$0.53	\$0.57	\$0.61	\$0.65	\$0.66	\$0.68	\$0.69	\$0.71
York Water Co.	\$0.34	\$0.35	\$0.37	\$0.39	\$0.42	\$0.45	\$0.48	\$0.49	\$0.51	\$0.52	\$0.53	\$0.54

Note: American Water Works began paying dividends in mid-2008, after it became publicly traded; these are pro-rated to a full year.

Source of all data: Exhibit DHC-8

Note: *Figures for 2012 are based on a mixture of actual figures for known quarters and estimates for remaining quarters.

Ratios of Change over Previous Year

COMPANIES \ YEARS	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
American States Water		1.00	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.05	1.04	1.01	1.03	1.06	1.15
American Water Works									1.03	1.05	1.06	1.08
Aqua America		1.07	1.09	1.06	1.08	1.10	1.09	1.06	1.08	1.07	1.05	1.06
Artesian Resources		1.05	1.03	1.04	1.05	1.05	1.08	1.08	1.01	1.04	1.01	1.04
California Water		1.00	1.00	1.02	1.00	1.02	1.00	1.02	1.00	1.02	1.03	1.02
Connecticut Water Service		1.01	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.02	1.02	1.02	
Middlesex Water		1.02	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01
SJW Corp.		1.07	1.07	1.04	1.04	1.08	1.07	1.07	1.02	1.03	1.01	1.03
York Water Co.		1.03	1.06	1.05	1.08	1.07	1.07	1.02	1.04	1.02	1.02	

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COMPANIES	10-yr Averages		5-yr. Averages		3-Yr. Averages		
	Compound	Simple	Compound	Simple	Compound	Simple	
American States Water	3.86%	3.94%	5.76%	5.87%	7.93%	8.06%	
American Water Works					6.12%	6.13%	
Aqua America	7.51%	7.52%	6.58%	6.58%	6.27%	6.27%	
Artesian Resources	4.38%	4.40%	3.71%	3.74%	3.23%	3.24%	
California Water	1.18%	1.19%	1.67%	1.67%	2.21%	2.21%	
Connecticut Water Service	1.63%	1.63% ¹	1.79%	1.80% ¹	2.22%	2.22% ¹	
Middlesex Water	1.62%	1.62%	1.41%	1.41%	1.39%	1.39%	
SJW Corp.	4.44%	4.46%	3.08%	3.10%	2.46%	2.47%	
York Water Co.	4.54%	4.56%	3.33%	3.34% ¹	2.65%	2.66%	
Means	3.64%	3.66%	3.42%	3.44%	3.83%	3.85%	Period
Medians	4.12%	4.17%	3.20%	3.22%	2.65%	2.66%	Averages
Average of Mean & Median		3.90%		3.32%		3.25%	3.49%

* based on DPS paid

¹ DPS for 2012 based on three quarters actual and last quarter assumed to be the same dividend as the third quarter.

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COMPANIES	DPS Projection*	Compound %
American States Water	1.60	6.82%
American Water Works	1.25	7.20%
Aqua America	0.80	5.65%
Artesian Resources		
California Water	0.72	3.89%
Connecticut Water Service		
Middlesex Water	0.80	2.25%
SJW Corp.	0.80	3.47%
York Water Co.		
	Mean	4.88%
	Median	<u>4.77%</u>
	Average of Mean & Median	<u>4.82%</u>

Average of Historical & Projected DPS Growth **4.16%**

*Source: Exhibit DHC-8

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<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Historical</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Dividend Yield</u>
EPS	6.02%	6.90%	6.46%	American States Water	3.20%
BVPS	4.62%	3.24%	3.93%	American Water Works	2.70%
Sales/Rev.	6.58%	5.78%	6.18%	Aqua America	2.70%
DPS	3.49%	4.82%	<u>4.16%</u>	Artesian Resources	3.40%
			5.18%	California Water	3.40%
			3.13%	Connecticut Water Service	3.10%
			<u>0.16%</u>	Middlesex Water	3.80%
		DCF	<u>8.48%</u>	SJW Corp.	2.90%
				York Water Co.	<u>3.00%</u>
					<u>3.13%</u>

Source: Exhibits DHC-2 - DHC-5

Source: Exhibit DHC-8

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Company	Industry Name	β	Book Value		Projected Book Value Growth Rate	Total Return 2011	Total Return 2010	Proj 3-5 Yr Dividend Yield	Dividend Yield
			Yearly Growth, 10-Year	10-Year β					
Aaron's Inc.	Retail Store	0.85	15.00	0.74	9.50	31.13	36.35	0.30	0.23
Advance Auto Parts	Retail Automotive	0.85	18.00	0.67	12.00	5.66	63.95	0.50	0.35
Analogic Corp.	Precision Instrument	0.85	4.00	0.71	5.00	16.70	29.69	0.60	0.53
Bemis Co.	Packaging & Container	0.85	8.00	0.71	5.00	-5.02	13.70	1.80	3.01
BMC Software	Computer Software	0.85	2.00	0.78	14.00	-30.46	17.56		0.00
CACI Int'l	IT Services	0.85	17.50	0.85	12.50	4.72	9.31		0.00
Career Education	Educational Services	0.85	15.50	0.95	4.00	-61.55	-11.07		0.00
Cerner Corp.	Healthcare Information	0.85	15.50	0.70	17.50	29.30	14.92		0.00
Copart, Inc.	Retail Automotive	0.85	14.50	0.89	10.50	28.22	1.99		0.00
Cyberonics	Med Supp Invasive	0.85	10.00	0.63	13.50	8.00	51.76		0.00
Fred's Inc. 'A'	Retail Store	0.85	8.00	0.92	7.00	7.63	36.73	1.80	2.00
Haverty Furniture	Retail (Hardlines)	0.85	3.00	0.79	5.50	-14.50	-4.59	1.50	1.06
Henry (Jack) & Assoc.	IT Services	0.85	15.00	0.80	13.00	16.87	27.92	1.30	1.21
Int'l Business Mach.	Computers/Peripherals	0.85	4.00	0.85	23.00	27.42	14.28	1.70	1.83
Knight Transportation	Trucking	0.85	15.00	0.81	4.50	-16.46	0.97	1.40	1.63
Life Technologies	Med Supp Non-Invasive	0.85	7.00	0.84	8.00	-29.89	6.28		0.00
Mattel, Inc.	Recreation	0.85	6.50	0.89	7.50	13.02	31.40	3.60	3.35
Medtronic, Inc.	Med Supp Invasive	0.85	12.50	0.76	12.00	5.81	-13.81	2.00	2.53
Navigant Consulting	Industrial Services	0.85	8.00	0.82	9.00	24.02	-38.09		0.00
Northrop Grumman	Aerospace/Defense	0.85	4.50	0.88	6.50	-6.62	19.62	3.20	3.19
NutriSystem Inc.	Food Processing	0.85	39.50	0.78	2.00	-35.14	-30.05	2.80	6.96
OSI Systems	Precision Instrument	0.85	9.50	0.90	11.50	34.16	33.29		0.00
Paychex, Inc.	IT Services	0.85	9.50	0.90	8.50	1.47	5.38	2.90	4.02
Rollins, Inc.	Industrial Services	0.85	14.50	0.48	14.00	14.14	56.20	1.70	1.50
Shenandoah Telecom.	Telecom. Services	0.85	9.50	0.92	6.50	-42.59	-6.44	1.50	2.04

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Company	Industry Name	β	Book Value		Projected Book Value Growth Rate	Total Return 2011	Total Return 2010	Proj 3-5 Yr Dividend Yield	Dividend Yield
			Yearly Growth, 10-Year	10-Year β					
St. Jude Medical	Med Supp Invasive	0.85	16.00	0.68	13.50	-18.12	16.23	1.60	2.40
United Parcel Serv.	Air Transport	0.85	-1.50	0.81	17.00	3.88	30.29	2.30	3.12
Varian Medical Sys.	Med Supp Invasive	0.85	17.50	0.82	20.00	-3.10	47.88		0.00
Vertex Pharmac.	Biotechnology	0.85	-3.50	0.63	26.00	-5.20	-18.25		0.00
Washington Post	Newspaper	0.85	7.50	0.91	3.50	-12.24	2.07	1.30	2.95
3M Company	Diversified Co.	0.80	10.00	0.85	12.00	-2.84	7.07	2.60	2.69
Advisory Board	Information Services	0.80		0.52	17.50	55.81	55.40		0.00
Alexion Pharmac.	Drug	0.80	10.50	0.76	23.50	77.53	64.99		0.00
Alliant Techsystems	Aerospace/Defense	0.80	14.50	0.72	13.00	-22.24	-15.68	1.20	1.44
Automatic Data Proc.	IT Services	0.80	5.00	0.77	8.00	20.11	11.62	2.20	2.89
Cardinal Health	Med Supp Non-Invasive	0.80	6.50	0.73	6.00	8.12	21.40	2.20	2.32
Chemed Corp.	Diversified Co.	0.80	7.50	0.60	10.00	-18.56	33.64	1.10	1.04
Computer Prog. & Sys.	Healthcare Information	0.80	15.00	0.42	18.50	11.86	5.23	1.80	3.48
CVS Caremark Corp.	Pharmacy Services	0.80	18.50	0.80	6.50	18.95	9.10	1.70	1.41
Ecolab Inc.	Chemical (Specialty)	0.80	11.00	0.67	16.00	16.26	14.64	1.20	1.16
Exxon Mobil Corp.	Petroleum (Integrated)	0.80	11.00	0.57	12.50	18.71	10.14	2.20	2.52
Forest Labs.	Drug	0.80	18.50	0.75	6.00	-5.38	-0.41		0.00
Forrester Research	Information Services	0.80	6.00	0.83	8.50	-3.83	48.68	1.50	1.90
Genuine Parts	Auto Parts	0.80	3.00	0.70	8.50	23.23	40.51	3.10	3.25
Heartland Express	Trucking	0.80	7.00	0.72	11.00	-10.32	12.68	0.70	0.59
Int'l Flavors & Frag.	Chemical (Specialty)	0.80	2.00	0.79	11.00	-3.81	38.03	1.80	2.13
Landauer, Inc.	Precision Instrument	0.80	10.00	0.78	3.50	-10.59	1.18	4.80	3.87
Lilly (Eli)	Drug	0.80	6.50	0.73	9.00	25.15	3.71	5.00	3.84
Lockheed Martin	Aerospace/Defense	0.80	-6.00	0.73	2.00	20.69	-3.84	5.10	4.92

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ManTech Int'l 'A'	IT Services	0.80		0.52	7.00	-22.73	-14.50	1.10	3.77
MAXIMUS Inc.	Industrial Services	0.80	6.50	0.87	7.00	27.17	32.24	1.20	0.79
Merck & Co.	Drug	0.80	11.00	0.71	1.50	9.54	2.86	3.80	3.63
Monster Beverage	Beverage	0.80	42.00	0.51	27.50	76.24	36.15	1.20	0.00
NIKE, Inc. 'B'	Shoe	0.80	12.50	0.78	11.00	14.48	31.22	1.70	1.58
Papa John's Int'l	Restaurant	0.80	6.50	0.52	12.50	36.03	18.58		0.00
PetSmart, Inc.	Retail (Hardlines)	0.80	14.00	0.86	13.00	30.39	51.32	1.10	1.04
Questar Corp.	Natural Gas (Div.)	0.80	5.50	0.44	-1.50	18.04	-57.17	3.00	3.33
ResMed Inc.	Med Supp Non-Invasive	0.80	26.50	0.70	14.50	-26.67	32.54		1.65
Ross Stores	Retail (Softlines)	0.80	14.00	0.78	22.00	52.00	49.87	1.20	0.92
Schein (Henry)	Med Supp Non-Invasive	0.80	14.00	0.61	10.00	4.95	16.71		0.00
Stryker Corp.	Med Supp Invasive	0.80	23.50	0.85	10.00	-6.13	7.89	0.80	1.62
Sturm, Ruger & Co.	Recreation	0.80		0.50	23.00	122.54	61.14	2.20	3.31
Synopsys, Inc.	Computer Software	0.80	10.00	0.95	8.50	1.08	20.78		0.00
Teleflex Inc.	Med Supp Invasive	0.80	9.50	0.87	6.50	16.63	2.27	1.60	2.01
TJX Companies	Retail (Softlines)	0.80	14.00	0.61	11.00	47.35	23.06	1.10	1.11
United Natural Foods	Retail/Wholesale Food	0.80	17.00	0.80	11.00	9.08	37.17		0.00
Universal Corp.	Tobacco	0.80	8.00	0.88	5.00	18.44	-6.99	4.00	3.93
Walgreen Co.	Pharmacy Services	0.80	14.00	0.83	4.00	-13.31	8.14	2.50	3.11
Waste Management	Environmental	0.80	5.50	0.62	1.50	-7.72	12.14	3.40	4.44
West Pharmac. Svcs.	Med Supp Non-Invasive	0.80	10.00	0.78	9.00	-6.74	6.92	1.80	1.42
Wolverine World Wide	Shoe	0.80	7.00	0.97	15.00	13.24	18.91	1.20	1.15
World Wrestling Ent.	Entertainment	0.80	-1.00	0.74	2.50	-30.06	1.83	4.10	5.90

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AT&T Inc.	Telecom. Services	0.75	7.50	0.77	6.00	9.01	11.64	4.30	5.19
Biogen Idec Inc.	Drug	0.75	19.00	0.73	3.00	64.13	25.33		0.00
Boston Beer 'A'	Beverage	0.75	11.00	0.77	20.50	14.17	104.06		0.00
Celgene Corp.	Drug	0.75	33.50	0.64	14.00	14.31	6.21		0.00
Costco Wholesale	Retail Store	0.75	10.50	0.72	8.00	16.73	23.67	1.30	1.14
Dean Foods	Food Processing	0.75	-5.00	0.64	5.50	26.70	-51.00		0.00
Endo Health Solns.	Drug	0.75		0.61	13.00	-3.30	74.03		0.00
Greatbatch, Inc.	Electronics	0.75	8.50	0.81	9.50	-8.49	25.59		0.00
Healthcare Svcs.	Industrial Services	0.75	7.00	0.53	4.00	12.90	18.35	3.60	2.92
Hot Topic, Inc.	Retail (Softlines)	0.75	9.00	0.60	1.50	9.36	14.45	2.40	3.71
IAC/InterActiveCorp	Internet	0.75	-4.00	0.97	8.00	48.87	40.14	1.60	1.91
McKesson Corp.	Med Supp Non-Invasive	0.75	9.00	0.68	10.00	11.78	13.80	1.00	0.95
Myriad Genetics	Biotechnology	0.75	10.50	0.79	14.00	-8.32	-12.46		0.00
O'Reilly Automotive	Retail Automotive	0.75	17.00	0.48	14.00	32.32	58.50		0.00
Peet's Coffee & Tea	Food Processing	0.75	19.50	0.76	16.00	50.17	25.16		0.00
Pfizer, Inc.	Drug	0.75	15.50	0.67	4.00	28.77	0.31	3.90	3.44
PSS World Medical	Med Supp Non-Invasive	0.75	1.50	0.89	12.50	7.04	0.00		0.00
Quest Diagnostics	Medical Services	0.75	15.00	0.52	9.00	8.38	-10.14	1.20	1.16
Raytheon Co.	Aerospace/Defense	0.75	-2.00	0.67	7.50	9.19	-8.70	3.40	3.59
Silgan Holdings	Packaging & Container	0.75		0.53	18.50	9.13	25.47	1.10	1.12
Strayer Education	Educational Services	0.75	26.00	0.67	7.00	-33.73	-27.06	3.40	7.19
Techne Corp.	Biotechnology	0.75	14.00	0.75	8.00	5.55	-2.56	1.40	1.73

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Village Super Market	Retail/Wholesale Food	0.75	9.00	0.50	7.50	-12.82	28.93	2.70	2.65
Watson Pharmac.	Drug	0.75	6.50	0.53	9.50	16.83	30.40		0.00
AmerisourceBergen	Med Supp Non-Invasive	0.70	13.00	0.61	9.50	10.32	32.39	0.50	1.31
Amgen	Biotechnology	0.70	19.50	0.52	9.00	18.18	-2.95	1.60	1.77
Baxter Int'l Inc.	Med Supp Invasive	0.70	7.50	0.60	8.50	0.05	-11.56	2.10	2.93
Bristol-Myers Squibb	Drug	0.70	6.50	0.61	6.00	39.43	8.74	3.40	4.03
Brown-Forman 'B'	Beverage	0.70	7.50	0.61	11.00	17.78	34.57	2.10	1.53
Carriage Services	Funeral Services	0.70	-1.50	0.92	8.00	17.00	23.41	0.80	0.91
Casey's Gen'l Stores	Retail/Wholesale Food	0.70	7.00	0.62	17.00	22.75	34.67	1.20	1.30
Coca-Cola Bottling	Beverage	0.70	15.00	0.49	17.50	7.09	4.86	1.00	1.46
Comtech Telecom.	Telecom. Equipment	0.70	22.50	0.75	10.00	6.84	-20.12	4.50	4.53
DaVita Inc.	Medical Services	0.70	20.00	0.58	16.50	9.10	18.30		0.00
DeVry Inc.	Educational Services	0.70	17.50	0.60	8.00	-19.33	-15.05	0.80	1.44
Edwards Lifesciences	Med Supp Invasive	0.70	11.50	0.50	11.00	-12.54	86.16		0.00
FTI Consulting	Industrial Services	0.70	23.50	0.43	5.00	13.79	-20.95		0.00
Gilead Sciences	Drug	0.70	32.00	0.57	7.50	12.94	-16.25		0.00
ITT Educational	Educational Services	0.70	13.50	0.65	28.00	-10.68	-33.63		0.00
J&J Snack Foods	Food Processing	0.70	10.00	0.68	8.00	11.57	21.94	1.20	1.03
Monro Muffler Brake	Retail Automotive	0.70	10.00	0.52	11.00	13.23	56.56	1.10	1.24
Nash Finch Co.	Retail/Wholesale Food	0.70	6.50	0.76	3.50	-29.59	16.85	2.70	3.80
Owens & Minor	Med Supp Non-Invasive	0.70	12.50	0.48	9.00	-3.01	5.42	2.80	3.15
Perrigo Co.	Drug	0.70	10.00	0.70	17.50	54.17	59.73	0.30	0.27
PetMed Express	Pharmacy Services	0.70	43.50	0.86	3.00	-39.13	3.42	5.20	5.67

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Safeway Inc.	Retail/Wholesale Food	0.70	2.00	0.73	-3.00	-3.88	7.26	2.80	4.53
Sherwin-Williams	Retail Building Supply	0.70	4.00	0.70	14.00	8.52	38.63	1.90	1.22
Smucker (J.M.)	Food Processing	0.70	15.50	0.55	6.00	22.16	9.10	2.30	2.43
Spartan Stores	Retail/Wholesale Food	0.70	1.00	0.42	7.50	10.78	20.24	0.90	2.20
Sysco Corp.	Retail/Wholesale Food	0.70	9.50	0.76	13.00	3.48	7.96	2.30	3.50
Tootsie Roll Ind.	Food Processing	0.70	5.00	0.63	4.00	-14.81	10.29	1.10	1.23
Verizon Communic.	Telecom. Services	0.70	1.50	0.70	4.00	18.23	14.98	3.50	4.66
Waste Connections	Environmental	0.70	12.50	0.51	7.50	21.58	24.21	1.30	1.22
WD-40 Co.	Household Products	0.70	12.50	0.63	7.50	2.90	28.11	2.70	2.66
Becton, Dickinson	Med Supp Invasive	0.65	11.50	0.61	6.50	-9.70	9.39	2.20	2.39
ConAgra Foods	Food Processing	0.65	4.50	0.65	6.00	21.41	1.49	3.00	3.53
Harris Teeter Super.	Retail/Wholesale Food	0.65	6.50	0.76	9.50	17.27	45.29	1.40	1.50
Heinz (H.J.)	Food Processing	0.65	6.00	0.53	12.00	13.34	18.86	3.40	3.59
Hormel Foods	Food Processing	0.65	11.00	0.41	10.50	16.39	36.03	1.80	2.15
ICU Medical	Med Supp Invasive	0.65	11.50	0.59	6.50	23.29	0.17		0.00
Johnson & Johnson	Med Supp Non-Invasive	0.65	11.50	0.48	11.50	9.89	-0.58	3.40	3.43
Laboratory Corp.	Medical Services	0.65	15.00	0.45	13.50	-2.22	17.48		0.00
Mondelez Int'l	Food Processing	0.65	6.00	0.56	6.50	22.64	20.39	1.70	1.96
Sanderson Farms	Food Processing	0.65	14.50	0.59	8.50	29.96	-5.94	1.50	1.51
Weis Markets	Retail/Wholesale Food	0.65	2.50	0.64	5.50	4.58	14.55	2.50	2.92
Coca-Cola	Beverage	0.60	12.00	0.52	6.50	9.44	19.03	2.60	2.91
Dollar Tree, Inc.	Retail Store	0.60	13.50	0.65	18.50	48.20	74.16		0.00
Kroger Co.	Retail/Wholesale Food	0.60	7.50	0.53	10.00	10.34	10.86	2.10	2.37
McCormick & Co.	Food Processing	0.60	14.50	0.45	12.00	10.96	31.25	2.00	2.20
McDonald's Corp.	Restaurant	0.60	6.50	0.59	5.00	34.66	26.93	3.10	3.53
PepsiCo, Inc.	Beverage	0.60	10.00	0.50	9.50	4.75	8.59	2.00	3.21

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Procter & Gamble	Household Products	0.60	19.00	0.43	3.00	7.04	9.36	3.00	3.21
Snyder's-Lance	Food Processing	0.60	6.50	0.65	7.00	-0.87	8.52	2.70	2.53
Altria Group	Tobacco	0.55	-12.00	0.49	11.00	27.66	33.92	5.80	5.48
Kellogg	Food Processing	0.55	10.00	0.42	17.50	2.18	-1.01	2.70	3.35
Reynolds American	Tobacco	<u>0.55</u>	<u>-5.50</u>	<u>0.49</u>	<u>5.50</u>	<u>34.41</u>	<u>31.43</u>	<u>5.40</u>	<u>5.71</u>
148		0.75	10.77	0.68	9.96	9.91	16.68	2.21	1.91
		0.75	<u>10.00</u>	0.69	<u>9.00</u>	9.49	14.60	1.95	1.60
			<u>10.39</u>		<u>9.48</u>				
<u>β Ranges of DCF Proxy</u>				<u>9.93</u>	<i>Average of Means and Medians</i>				
<u>Group</u>	<u>Number of Companies</u>	<u>%</u>							
<.7	5	56%	8.30		10.50				
>.69<.76	3	33%	11.72		9.55				
>.75	1	11%	<u>10.68</u>		<u>10.09</u>				
	9		<u>10.23</u>		<u>10.04</u>	<i>Stratified Averages</i>			
				<u>10.14</u>					
				<u>10.04</u>					
			<u>9.70</u>		<u>10.14</u>	<i>Weighted, Stratified Averages</i>			
				<u>9.92</u>		<i>Overall Weighted Stratified Average</i>			
				<u>9.98</u>		<i>Average of Weighted and Unweighted Averages</i>			

Source: Value Line database from on-line subscription

AMER. STATES WATER

NYSE-AWR

RECENT PRICE

44.03

P/E RATIO

18.2

(Trailing: 17.5
Median: 22.0)

RELATIVE P/E RATIO

1.20

DIV'D

3.2%

VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS

3

Lowered 9/28/12

SAFETY

2

Raised 7/20/12

TECHNICAL

3

Raised 10/12/12

BETA

.70

(1.00 = Market)

2015-17 PROJECTIONS

Price

60

Gain

(+35%)

Ann'l Total

Return

11%

High

Low

45

(Nil)

4%

Insider Decisions

N

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Institutional Decisions

4Q2011

1Q2012

2Q2012

to Buy

86

69

83

to Sell

40

63

50

Hld's(000)

11493

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11968

Percent shares traded

12

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15-17

11.37

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15.76

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18.42

19.48

21.41

22.24

23.40

23.45

Revenues per sh

27.80

1.75

1.85

2.04

2.26

2.20

2.53

2.54

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2.23

2.64

2.89

3.31

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5.00

"Cash Flow" per sh

5.50

1.13

1.04

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1.55

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2.22

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2.45

2.50

Earnings per sh

2.80

.82

.83

.84

.85

.86

.87

.87

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.89

.90

.91

.96

1.00

1.01

1.04

1.10

1.27

1.44

Div'd Decl'd per sh

1.60

2.40

2.58

3.11

4.30

3.03

3.18

2.68

3.76

5.03

4.24

3.91

2.89

4.45

4.18

4.24

4.26

4.20

4.40

Cap'l Spending per sh

5.10

11.01

11.24

11.48

11.82

12.74

13.22

14.05

13.97

15.01

15.72

16.64

17.53

17.95

19.39

20.26

21.68

22.80

23.15

Book Value per sh

23.80

13.33

13.44

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13.44

15.12

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15.18

15.21

16.75

16.80

17.05

17.23

17.30

18.53

18.63

18.85

19.00

19.20

Common Shs Outst'g

19.60

12.6

14.5

15.5

17.1

15.9

16.7

18.3

31.9

23.2

21.9

27.7

24.0

22.6

21.2

15.7

15.7

Bold figures are
Value Line
estimates

Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio

19.0

.79

.84

.81

.97

1.03

.86

1.00

1.82

1.23

1.17

1.50

1.27

1.36

1.41

1.00

1.01

Relative P/E Ratio

1.25

5.8%

5.5%

5.0%

4.2%

4.2%

3.9%

3.6%

3.5%

3.6%

3.1%

2.5%

2.5%

2.9%

2.9%

3.0%

3.0%

Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield

2.6%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/12

Total Debt \$341.7 mill.

Due in 5 Yrs \$280.0 mill.

LT Debt \$341.5 mill.

LT Interest \$24.0 mill.

(LT interest earned: 5.5x: total interest coverage: 5.2x)

(44% of Cap'l)

209.2

212.7

228.0

236.2

268.6

301.4

318.7

361.0

398.9

419.3

445

460

Revenues (\$mill)

545

20.3

11.9

16.5

22.5

23.1

28.0

26.8

29.5

41.4

42.0

45.0

48.0

Net Profit (\$mill)

55.0

38.9%

43.5%

37.4%

47.0%

40.5%

42.6%

37.8%

38.9%

43.2%

41.7%

42.5%

42.0%

Income Tax Rate

40.0%

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12.2%

8.5%

6.9%

3.2%

5.8%

5.8%

5.0%

5.0%

AFUDC % to Net Profit

5.0%

52.0%

52.0%

47.7%

50.4%

48.6%

46.9%

46.2%

45.9%

44.3%

45.4%

43.0%

43.0%

Long-Term Debt Ratio

42.0%

48.0%

48.0%

52.3%

49.6%

51.4%

53.1%

53.8%

54.1%

55.7%

54.6%

57.0%

57.0%

Common Equity Ratio

58.0%

444.4

442.3

480.4

532.5

551.6

569.4

577.0

665.0

677.4

749.1

760

780

Total Capital (\$mill)

805

563.3

602.3

664.2

713.2

750.6

776.4

825.3

866.4

855.0

896.5

935

980

Net Plant (\$mill)

1080

6.5%

4.6%

5.2%

5.4%

6.0%

6.7%

6.4%

5.9%

7.6%

6.0%

6.0%

6.0%

Return on Total Cap'l

7.0%

9.5%

5.6%

6.6%

8.5%

8.1%

9.3%

8.6%

8.2%

11.0%

10.3%

10.5%

11.0%

Return on Shr. Equity

12.0%

9.5%

5.6%

6.6%

8.5%

8.1%

9.3%

8.6%

8.2%

11.0%

10.3%

10.5%

11.0%

Return on Com Equity

12.0%

3.3%

NMF

1.0%

2.8%

2.7%

3.9%

3.1%

3.2%

5.8%

5.2%

5.0%

5.0%

Retained to Com Eq

5.0%

65%

113%

84%

67%

67%

58%

64%

61%

47%

49%

56%

58%

All Div'ds to Net Prof

57%

BUSINESS:

American States Water Co. operates as a holding company. Through its principal subsidiary, Golden State Water Company, it supplies water to more than 250,000 customers in 75 communities in 10 counties. Service areas include the greater metropolitan areas of Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The company also provides electric utility services to nearly 23,250 customers in the city of Big Bear Lake and in areas of San Bernardino County. Sold Chaparral City Water of Arizona (6/11). Has 703 employees. Officers & directors own 2.9% of common stock (4/12 Proxy). Chairman: Lloyd Ross. President & CEO: Robert J. Sprowls. Inc. CA. Addr: 630 East Foothill Boulevard, San Dimas, CA 91773. Tel: 909-394-3600. Internet: www.aswater.com.

American States Water's bottom-line momentum will likely carry into the back half of the year.

Indeed, share earnings in the first half of 2012 increased 17%, driven by the Golden State Water unit and an increase in Contracted Services activity. Construction activity and favorable changes in cost estimates at the Fort Bragg military base also contributed to the improved results. Going forward, we expect the company to remain focused on expanding the Contracted Services business, as it provides more favorable growth prospects compared to its Water and Electric businesses. In fact, we believe AWR's 50-year contract with Fort Bragg through its American States Utility Services subsidiary could provide a nice opportunity. We expect this longer-term relationship with the U.S. government to bolster the company's chances in booking more water and electric projects on other military bases.

Recent rate cases will provide some clarity for the coming years.

In June, the Golden State Water case (which deals with general rates in 2013-2015) reached a proposed settlement between Golden State

Water Company and two consumer advocacy groups. The agreement pends the approval of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and nearly resolves all issues in the case. The decision would generate close to \$9 million in additional annual revenue starting in 2013, compared to 2012 adopted revenues. Proposed rates are set to increase \$8.0 million and \$6.0 million in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

The ASUS operations have helped boost the quarterly dividend.

The dividend has been increased to \$0.36 from \$0.28 due to ASUS' board of directors approval to help fund a portion of AWR's upcoming dividend. We anticipate that the subsidiary will continue to partially fund the company's dividend.

The Timeliness rank of this issue is 3 (Average).

Income investors might find the stock of interest, as the dividend yield offers above-average return when compared to the Value Line median. However, we advise longer-term investors to look elsewhere, due to the below-average capital appreciation potential.

Michael Collins

October 19, 2012

<p>(A) Primary earnings. Excludes nonrecurring gains/(losses): '04, 14¢; '05, 25¢; '06, 6¢; '08, (27¢); '10, (45¢) '11, 20¢. Next earnings report due early November. Quarterly egs. may not add due to rounding.</p> <p>(B) Dividends historically paid in early March, June, September, and December. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan available.</p>	<p>(C) In millions, adjusted for split.</p>	<p>Company's Financial Strength A</p> <p>Stock's Price Stability 90</p> <p>Price Growth Persistence 65</p> <p>Earnings Predictability 90</p>
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AMERICAN WATER

NYSE-AWK

RECENT PRICE

36.75

P/E RATIO

16.7

(Trailing: 18.8 Median: NMF)

RELATIVE P/E RATIO

1.10

DIV'D YLD

2.7%

VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS

2

Lowered 10/19/12

SAFETY

3

New 7/25/08

TECHNICAL

3

Raised 10/12/12

BETA

.65

(1.00 = Market)

2015-17 PROJECTIONS

Price

Gain

Ann'l Total

High

55

(+50%)

13%

Low

30

(-20%)

-1%

Insider Decisions

N

D

J

F

M

A

M

J

J

to Buy

0

0

0

0

0

0

0

0

0

Options

2

0

0

0

7

0

2

1

0

to Sell

2

0

0

0

7

0

2

1

0

Institutional Decisions

4Q2011

1Q2012

2Q2012

to Buy

181

164

176

to Sell

136

163

162

Hld's(000)

138169

141669

140028

Percent

21

shares

14

traded

7

High:

23.7

23.0

25.8

32.8

39.4

Low:

16.5

16.2

19.4

25.2

31.3

Target Price Range

2015

2016

2017

80

60

50

40

30

25

20

15

10

7.5

% TOT. RETURN 9/12

THIS STOCK

26.3

28.2

3 yr.

105.6

42.3

5 yr.

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29.3

1996

1997

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2013

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13.08

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Revenues per sh

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"Cash Flow" per sh

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Earnings per sh ^A

2.40

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Div'd Decl'd per sh ^B

1.25

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4.31

4.74

6.31

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5.35

5.30

Cap'l Spending per sh

5.00

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23.86

28.39

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22.91

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24.14

25.40

25.70

Book Value per sh ^D

26.70

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160.00

160.00

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175.00

175.66

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180.00

Common Shs Outst'g ^C

190.00

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18.9

15.6

14.6

16.7

Bold figures are Value Line estimates

Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio

19.0

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1.14

1.04

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1.05

Relative P/E Ratio

1.25

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1.9%

4.2%

3.8%

3.1%

Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield

2.8%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/12

Total Debt \$5685.4 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$407.6 mill.

LT Debt \$5203.1 mill. LT Interest \$292.0 mill.

(Total interest coverage: 3.5x) (54% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized: Annual rentals \$21.5 mill.

Pension Assets-12/11 \$981.1 mill

Other Oblig. \$1402.0 mill.

Pfd Stock \$19.3 mill. Pfd Div'd \$7 mill

Common Stock 176,430,023 shs.

as of 7/26/12

MARKET CAP: \$6.5 billion (Large Cap)

CURRENT POSITION

2010

2011

6/30/12

(\$MILL.)

Cash Assets

13.1

14.2

12.9

Other

521.2

1383.5

593.5

Current Assets

534.3

1397.7

606.4

Accts Payable

199.2

243.7

183.9

Debt Due

44.8

543.9

482.3

Other

530.5

701.5

357.8

Current Liab.

774.5

1489.1

1018.0

Fix. Chg. Cov.

237%

256%

300%

ANNUAL RATES

Past 10 Yrs.

Past 5 Yrs.

Est'd '09-'11 to '15-'17

Revenues

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3.5%

"Cash Flow"

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5.5%

Earnings

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8.0%

Dividends

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6.5%

Book Value

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2.0%

QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)

Cal-endar

Mar.31

Jun. 30

Sep. 30

Dec. 31

Full Year

2009

550.2

612.7

680.0

597.8

2440.7

2010

588.1

671.2

786.9

664.5

2710.7

2011

596.7

668.8

760.9

639.8

2666.2

2012

618.6

745.6

825.8

715

2905

2013

640

740

860

735

2975

EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A

Cal-endar

Mar.31

Jun. 30

Sep. 30

Dec. 31

Full Year

2009

.19

.32

.52

.21

1.25

2010

.18

.42

.71

.23

1.53

2011

.23

.42

.73

.34

1.72

2012

.28

.66

.81

.40

2.15

2013

.33

.65

.80

.42

2.20

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B

Cal-endar

Mar.31

Jun.30

Sep.30

Dec.31

Full Year

2008

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.20

.20

.40

2009

.20

.20

.21

.21

.82

2010

.21

.21

.22

.22

.86

2011

.22

.23

.23

.23

.91

2012

.23

.23

.25

BUSINESS:

American Water Works Company, Inc. is the largest investor-owned water and wastewater utility in the U.S., providing services to over 15 million people in over 30 states and Canada. Its nonregulated business assists municipalities and military bases with the maintenance and upkeep as well. Regulated operations made up 88.9% of 2011 revenues. New Jersey is its biggest market

accounting for 20.9% of revenues. Has roughly 7,000 employees. Depreciation rate, 2.5% in '11. BlackRock, Inc., owns 7.4% of the common stock outstanding. Off. & dir. own less than 1% (3/12 Proxy). President & CEO: Jeffery Sterba. Chairman: George Mackenzie. Address: 1025 Laurel Oak Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043. Telephone: 856-346-8200. Internet: www.amwater.com.

mentum accounts.

AWK is ranked 2 (Above Average) for Timeliness based on the recent earnings strength. Growth is likely to remain solid over the next six to 12 months, too, benefiting from a supportive regulatory body and more-streamlined operations. The company will probably not have to seek much outside financing in the near term, either, as the proceeds from divestitures ease capital burdens a bit.

That said, we are a bit more skeptical about growth prospects further out.

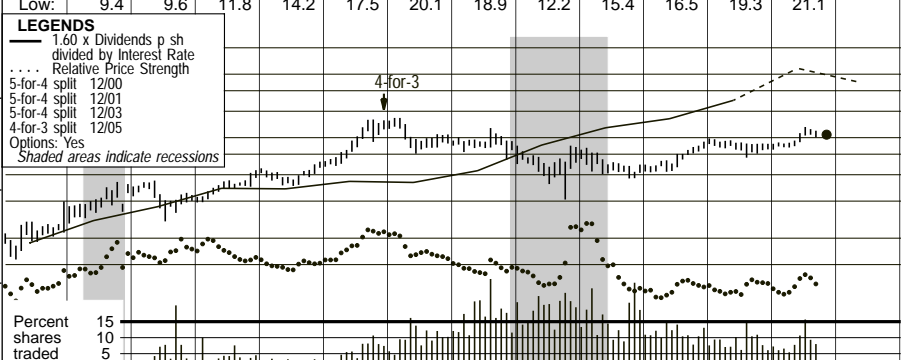
Specifically, we worry about the American's financial situation and the capital-intensive nature of this business. The company is slated to spend over \$900 million on its infrastructure this year, and we do not envision that figure trending much lower in the years ahead. This endeavor will easily eat up any cash reserves and cash flow being generated by operations. Management will have to float more debt and stock in order to meet these obligations, but such actions will temper investor gains. The dividend is better than that of the average issue covered in our Survey, but not of the average utility provider.

Andre J. Costanza

October 19, 2012

This stock ought to interest mo-

<p>(A) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring losses: '08, \$4.62; '09, \$2.63; '11, \$0.07. Discontinued operations: '06, (4c); '11, 3c; '12, (10c).</p>	<p>Next earnings report due early Nov. Quarterly earnings may not sum due to rounding.</p> <p>(B) Dividends paid in March, June, September, and December. ■ Div. reinvestment available.</p>	<p>(C) In millions.</p> <p>(D) Includes intangibles. In 2011: \$1.195 billion, \$9.80/share.</p>	<p>Company's Financial Strength</p> <p>Stock's Price Stability</p> <p>Price Growth Persistence</p> <p>Earnings Predictability</p>	<p>B</p> <p>95</p> <p>85</p> <p>15</p>
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AQUA AMERICA NYSE-WTR				RECENT PRICE	24.79	P/E RATIO	23.2	(Trailing: 23.6 Median: 25.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	1.53	DIV'D YLD	2.7%	VALUE LINE	Target Price Range					
TIMELINESS	2	Raised 10/5/12	High: 14.8	15.0	16.8	18.5	29.2	29.8	26.6	22.0	21.5	23.0	23.8	26.9		2015	2016	2017	
SAFETY	2	Raised 4/20/12	Low: 9.4	9.6	11.8	14.2	17.5	20.1	18.9	12.2	15.4	16.5	19.3	21.1					
TECHNICAL	3	Lowered 9/14/12																	
BETA	.60	(1.00 = Market)																	
2015-17 PROJECTIONS																			
Price	35	Gain (+40%)																	
High	25	Low (Nil)																	
Insider Decisions																			
Institutional Decisions																			
CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/12																			
Pension Assets-12/11																			
Pfd Stock None																			
Common Stock 139,733,913 shares																			
as of 7/20/12																			
MARKET CAP: \$3.5 billion (Mid Cap)																			
CURRENT POSITION (\$MILL.)																			
Cash Assets																			
Receivables																			
Inventory (AvgCst)																			
Other																			
Current Assets																			
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LEGENDS

- 1.60 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate
- Relative Price Strength
- 5-for-4 split 12/00
- 5-for-4 split 12/01
- 5-for-4 split 12/03
- 4-for-3 split 12/05
- Options: Yes
- Shaded areas indicate recessions

Percent shares traded

15	10	5
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% TOT. RETURN 9/12

THIS STOCK	VL ARITH. INDEX
1 yr. 18.1	28.2
3 yr. 53.5	42.3
5 yr. 26.2	29.3

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1.86	2.02	2.09	2.41	2.46	2.70	2.85	2.97	3.48	3.85	4.03	4.52	4.63	4.91	5.26	5.13	5.55	5.80	Revenues per sh	6.60
.50	.56	.61	.72	.76	.86	.94	.96	1.09	1.21	1.26	1.37	1.42	1.61	1.78	1.84	1.90	2.05	"Cash Flow" per sh	2.30
.30	.34	.40	.42	.47	.51	.54	.57	.64	.71	.70	.71	.73	.77	.90	1.03	1.05	1.15	Earnings per sh A	1.35
.23	.24	.26	.27	.28	.30	.32	.35	.37	.40	.44	.48	.51	.55	.59	.62	.66	.71	Div'd Decl'd per sh B	.80
.48	.58	.82	.90	1.16	1.09	1.20	1.32	1.54	1.84	2.05	1.79	1.98	2.08	2.37	2.38	2.40	2.50	Cap'l Spending per sh	2.55
2.69	2.84	3.21	3.42	3.85	4.15	4.36	5.34	5.89	6.30	6.96	7.32	7.82	8.12	8.51	9.01	9.25	9.75	Book Value per sh	10.85
65.75	67.47	72.20	106.80	111.82	113.97	113.19	123.45	127.18	128.97	132.33	133.40	135.37	136.49	137.97	138.87	140.90	141.90	Common Shs Outst'g C	143.90
15.6	17.8	22.5	21.2	18.2	23.6	23.6	24.5	25.1	31.8	34.7	32.0	24.9	23.1	21.1	21.1	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	21.0
.98	1.03	1.17	1.21	1.18	1.21	1.29	1.40	1.33	1.69	1.87	1.70	1.50	1.54	1.34	1.36			Relative P/E Ratio	1.40
4.9%	3.9%	2.9%	3.0%	3.3%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.3%	1.8%	1.8%	2.1%	2.8%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.7%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/12

Total Debt \$1613.8 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$300 mill.

LT Debt \$1569.5 mill. LT Interest \$65.0 mill.

(LT interest earned: 4.5x; total interest coverage: 4.5x)

(53% of Cap'l)

Pension Assets-12/11 \$148.9 mill.

Oblig. \$237.1 mill.

Pfd Stock None

Common Stock 139,733,913 shares as of 7/20/12

MARKET CAP: \$3.5 billion (Mid Cap)

CURRENT POSITION (\$MILL.)

2010	2011	6/30/12	
Cash Assets	5.9	8.2	5.1
Receivables	85.9	81.1	99.0
Inventory (AvgCst)	9.2	11.2	11.7
Other	44.4	220.0	31.4
Current Assets	145.4	320.5	147.2
Accts Payable	45.3	68.3	42.0
Debt Due	28.5	80.4	44.3
Other	149.9	277.0	126.0
Current Liab.	223.7	425.7	212.3
Fix. Chg. Cov.	290%	367%	328%

ANNUAL RATES

Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '09-'11 to '15-'17	
Revenues	8.0%	7.5%	4.5%
"Cash Flow"	8.5%	8.0%	5.0%
Earnings	6.5%	4.5%	7.0%
Dividends	7.5%	8.0%	5.0%
Book Value	9.0%	7.0%	4.0%

QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mil.)

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2009	154.5	167.3	180.8	167.9	670.5
2010	160.5	178.5	207.8	179.3	726.1
2011	163.6	178.3	197.3	172.7	712.0
2012	170.2	198.2	210	201.6	780
2013	180	210	215	220	825

EARNINGS PER SHARE A

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2009	.14	.19	.25	.19	.77
2010	.16	.22	.32	.20	.90
2011	.22	.27	.30	.25	1.03
2012	.20	.30	.35	.20	1.05
2013	.22	.29	.39	.25	1.15

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2008	.125	.125	.125	.135	.51
2009	.135	.135	.135	.145	.55
2010	.145	.145	.145	.155	.59
2011	.155	.155	.155	.165	.63
2012	.165	.165	.165		

BUSINESS: Aqua America, Inc. is the holding company for water and wastewater utilities that serve approximately three million residents in Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, Florida, Indiana, and five other states. Divested three of four non-water businesses in '91; telemarketing group in '93; and others. Acquired AquaSource, 7/03; Consumers Water, 4/99; and others. Water supply revenues '11: residential, 59.5%; commercial, 14.5%; industrial & other, 26.0%. Officers and directors own 1.5% of the common stock (4/12 Proxy). Chairman & Chief Executive Officer: Nicholas DeBenedictis. Incorporated: Pennsylvania. Address: 762 West Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010. Telephone: 610-525-1400. Internet: www.aquaamerica.com.

Aqua America will likely grow at a mediocre pace in the back half of the year. Indeed, management expects share earnings to come in at \$0.30 in the third quarter. This share-net figure would represent a flat year-over-year performance. That said, we are looking for the company to top expectations, due to the historically hot weather in August and September. Going forward, the non-regulated segment should continue to represent a larger portion of total income. On the cost side, the company has improved its operation and maintenance expense-to-revenue ratio on a year-over-year basis. This ratio will likely marginally improve, as the company consolidates its markets.

The Marcellus shale water pipeline venture should bolster longer-term profitability. We anticipate natural gas drilling in the U.S. to grow at a nice clip, as LNG export facilities are expected to come on line in the coming years. Aqua America and Penn Virginia's joint venture for a pipeline in Pennsylvania is progressing nicely. Construction on phase II of the pipeline is expected to be completed by the end of the year, at a cost of \$20 million.

The project will likely be completed by the end of 2014, and is expected to add \$0.10 a share to 2014 and 2015 bottom-line results. However, further declines in natural gas prices would likely hurt drilling prospects and could throw a wrench in the company's underlying projections.

The company should realize operational efficiencies from its portfolio restructuring. Aqua America has offered to sell its Florida operations to the Florida Governmental Utility Authority for \$95 million. This move would narrow its list of states served to eight, with the majority of its revenue generated from the Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey markets. We think the company's entrance into the Texas market should pay dividends, as favorable demographic trends and a burgeoning oil & gas industry stand to persist.

The stock is set to outperform the broader market averages in the near term. However, for longer-term investors the issue offers minimal capital appreciation potential and a below-average dividend yield compared to its peers.

Michael Collins October 19, 2012

(A) Diluted egs. Excl. nonrec. gains (losses): '99, (11¢); '00, 2¢; '01, 2¢; '02, 5¢; '03, 4¢. Excl. gain from disc. operations: '96, 2¢. Next earnings report due late October.

(B) Dividends historically paid in early March, June, Sept. & Dec. ■ Div'd. reinvestment plan available (5% discount). (C) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

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Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	100
Price Growth Persistence	65
Earnings Predictability	100

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BUSINESS: Aqua America, Inc. is the holding company for water and wastewater utilities that serve approximately three million residents in Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, Florida, Indiana, and five other states. Divested three of four non-water businesses in '91; telemarketing group in '93; and others. Acquired AquaSource, 7/03; Consumers Water, 4/99; and

others. Water supply revenues '11: residential, 59.5%; commercial, 14.5%; industrial & other, 26.0%. Officers and directors own 1.5% of the common stock (4/12 Proxy). Chairman & Chief Executive Officer: Nicholas DeBenedictis. Incorporated: Pennsylvania. Address: 762 West Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010. Telephone: 610-525-1400. Internet: www.aquaamerica.com.

Aqua America will likely grow at a mediocre pace in the back half of the year. Indeed, management expects share earnings to come in at \$0.30 in the third quarter. This share-net figure would represent a flat year-over-year performance. That said, we are looking for the company to top expectations, due to the historically hot weather in August and September. Going forward, the non-regulated segment should continue to represent a larger portion of total income. On the cost side, the company has improved its operation and maintenance expense-to-revenue ratio on a year-over-year basis. This ratio will likely marginally improve, as the company consolidates its markets.

The Marcellus shale water pipeline venture should bolster longer-term profitability. We anticipate natural gas drilling in the U.S. to grow at a nice clip, as LNG export facilities are expected to come on line in the coming years. Aqua America and Penn Virginia's joint venture for a pipeline in Pennsylvania is progressing nicely. Construction on phase II of the pipeline is expected to be completed by the end of the year, at a cost of \$20 million.

The project will likely be completed by the end of 2014, and is expected to add \$0.10 a share to 2014 and 2015 bottom-line results. However, further declines in natural gas prices would likely hurt drilling prospects and could throw a wrench in the company's underlying projections.

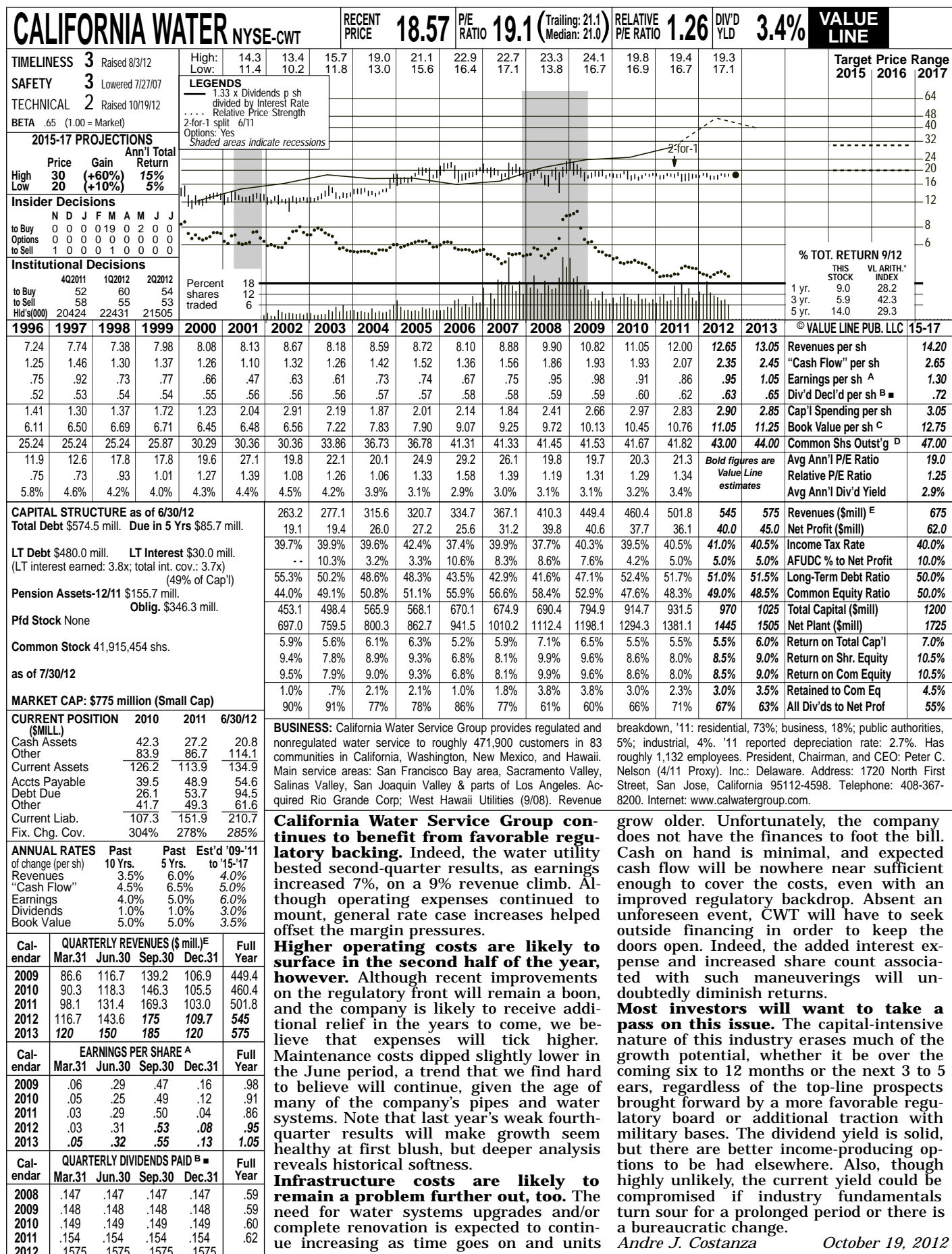
The company should realize operational efficiencies from its portfolio restructuring. Aqua America has offered to sell its Florida operations to the Florida Governmental Utility Authority for \$95 million. This move would narrow its list of states served to eight, with the majority of its revenue generated from the Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey markets. We think the company's entrance into the Texas market should pay dividends, as favorable demographic trends and a burgeoning oil & gas industry stand to persist.

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ARTESIAN RES. CORP. NDQ--ARTNA				RECENT PRICE	23.28	TRAILING P/E RATIO	21.8	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	1.33	DIV'D YLD	3.4%	VALUE LINE													
RANKS				20.04 15.18	22.62 17.20	22.33 17.90	20.67 18.26	19.31 13.00	18.73 12.81	19.59 16.43	19.99 15.16	24.43 18.20	High Low												
PERFORMANCE	3	Average	<div>LEGENDS</div> <div>— 12 Mos Mov Avg</div> <div>.... Rel Price Strength</div> <div>3-for-2 split 7/03</div> <div>3-for-2 split 7/06</div> <div>Shaded area indicates recession</div>																						
Technical	3	Average																							
SAFETY	2	Above Average																							
BETA	.55	(1.00 = Market)																							
Financial Strength	B+																								
Price Stability	100																								
Price Growth Persistence	60																								
Earnings Predictability	90												450 VOL. (thous.)												
© VALUE LINE PUBLISHING LLC				2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013/2014												
SALES PER SH				6.67	7.52	7.77	7.20	7.59	8.11	8.48	7.56	--													
"CASH FLOW" PER SH				1.42	1.56	1.75	1.57	1.65	1.84	1.92	1.64	--													
EARNINGS PER SH				.72	.81	.97	.90	.86	.97	1.00	.83	1.16 ^{A,B}	1.19 ^C /NA												
DIV'DS DECL'D PER SH				.55	.58	.61	.66	.71	.72	.75	.76	--													
CAP'L SPENDING PER SH				4.82	3.35	5.08	3.66	6.09	2.32	2.57	1.83	--													
BOOK VALUE PER SH				9.26	9.60	10.15	11.66	11.86	12.15	12.44	13.12	--													
COMMON SHS OUTST'G (MILL)				5.93	6.02	6.09	7.30	7.40	7.51	7.65	8.61	--													
AVG ANN'L P/E RATIO				25.4	24.2	20.3	21.5	20.1	16.4	18.2	22.5	20.1	19.6/NA												
RELATIVE P/E RATIO				1.34	1.28	1.10	1.14	1.21	1.09	1.16	1.41	--													
AVG ANN'L DIV'D YIELD				3.0%	2.9%	3.1%	3.4%	4.1%	4.5%	4.1%	4.1%	--													
SALES (\$MILL)				39.6	45.3	47.3	52.5	56.2	60.9	64.9	65.1	--	Bold figures are consensus earnings estimates and, using the recent prices, P/E ratios.												
OPERATING MARGIN				--	100.0%	45.6%	45.6%	45.1%	46.9%	46.5%	45.5%	--													
DEPRECIATION (\$MILL)				4.0	4.4	4.6	5.2	5.8	6.6	7.0	7.4	--													
NET PROFIT (\$MILL)				4.4	5.0	6.1	6.3	6.4	7.3	7.6	6.7	--													
INCOME TAX RATE				39.6%	39.9%	39.0%	39.8%	40.8%	40.1%	40.0%	40.8%	--													
NET PROFIT MARGIN				11.1%	11.1%	12.8%	11.9%	11.4%	11.9%	11.7%	10.4%	--													
WORKING CAP'L (\$MILL)				d8.7	d1.8	d8.8	2.5	d20.9	d23.3	d27.9	d11.4	--													
LONG-TERM DEBT (\$MILL)				82.4	92.4	92.1	91.8	107.6	106.0	105.1	106.5	--													
SHR. EQUITY (\$MILL)				54.9	57.8	61.8	85.1	87.8	91.2	95.1	113.0	--													
RETURN ON TOTAL CAP'L				5.1%	5.3%	5.8%	5.3%	4.7%	5.2%	5.6%	4.6%	--													
RETURN ON SHR. EQUITY				8.0%	8.7%	9.8%	7.4%	7.3%	8.0%	8.0%	6.0%	--													
RETAINED TO COM EQ				2.1%	2.7%	3.8%	2.1%	1.4%	2.1%	2.0%	.5%	--													
ALL DIV'DS TO NET PROF				74%	69%	61%	71%	81%	74%	75%	92%	--													
^A No. of analysts changing earn. est. in last 5 days: 0 up, 0 down, consensus 5-year earnings growth not available. ^B Based upon 4 analysts' estimates. ^C Based upon 4 analysts' estimates.																									
ANNUAL RATES				ASSETS (\$mill.)				INDUSTRY: Water Utility																	
of change (per share)				5 Yrs.	1 Yr.	2010				2011	6/30/12	BUSINESS: Artesian Resources Corporation, through its subsidiaries, provides water, wastewater, and engineering services on the Delmarva Peninsula. It distributes and sells water to residential, commercial, industrial, municipal, and utility customers in Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. The company also offers water for public and private fire protection to customers in its service territories. In addition, it provides contract water and wastewater services, water and sewer service line protection plans, and wastewater management services, as well as design, construction, and engineering services. As of December 31, 2011, the company served approximately 78,600 metered water customers through 1,148 miles of transmission and distribution mains. Artesian Water Company, the principal subsidiary, is the oldest and largest investor-owned public water utility on the Delmarva Peninsula, and has been providing water service since 1905. Has 226 employees. Chairman, C.E.O. & President: Dian C. Taylor. Address: 664 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19702. Tel.: (302) 453-6900. Internet: http://www.artesianwater.com . J.V.													
Sales				2.0%	-11.0%	Cash Assets				.2	.3			.4											
"Cash Flow"				2.5%	-14.0%	Receivables				5.1	8.6			7.6											
Earnings				2.5%	-17.0%	Inventory				1.2	1.5			1.4											
Dividends				5.0%	1.5%	Other				7.5	2.9			1.5											
Book Value				5.5%	5.5%	Current Assets				14.0	13.3			10.9											
Fiscal Year	QUARTERLY SALES (\$mill.)				Property, Plant & Equip, at cost				414.6	435.0	--	LONG-TERM DEBT AND EQUITY as of 6/30/12 Total Debt \$117.9 mill. Due in 5 Yrs. NA LT Debt \$106.0 mill. Including Cap. Leases NA (48% of Cap'l) Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals NA Pension Liability \$5 mill. in '11 vs. \$5 mill. in '10 Pfd Stock None Pfd Div'd Paid None Common Stock 8,659,509 shares (52% of Cap'l)													
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full Year	Accum Depreciation				69.2	77.4			--											
12/31/10	15.0	16.0	18.0	15.9	64.9	Net Property				345.4	357.6			363.2											
12/31/11	14.8	16.5	17.7	16.1	65.1	Other				12.1	7.8			8.0											
12/31/12	16.7	17.9				Total Assets				371.5	378.7			382.1											
12/31/13																									
Fiscal Year	EARNINGS PER SHARE				LIABILITIES (\$mill.)																				
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full Year	Accts Payable				3.4	2.8			2.9											
12/31/09	.22	.27	.28	.20	.97	Debt Due				30.6	13.8			11.8											
12/31/10	.22	.24	.38	.16	1.00	Other				7.9	8.1			8.3											
12/31/11	.14	.23	.26	.20	.83	Current Liab				41.9	24.7			23.0											
12/31/12	.29	.32	.35	.21																					
12/31/13	.26																								
Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID																								
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Full Year																				
2009	.178	.178	.178	.187	.72																				
2010	.187	.188	.188	.189	.75																				
2011	.19	.19	.19	.193	.76																				
2012	.193	.198	.198	.203																					
INSTITUTIONAL DECISIONS												TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN Dividends plus appreciation as of 9/30/2012 <table><tr><th></th><th>3 Mos.</th><th>6 Mos.</th><th>1 Yr.</th><th>3 Yrs.</th><th>5 Yrs.</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>8.81%</td><td>26.06%</td><td>38.08%</td><td>56.14%</td><td>50.41%</td></tr></table>			3 Mos.	6 Mos.	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.		8.81%	26.06%	38.08%	56.14%	50.41%
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4Q'11				1Q'12	2Q'12																				
to Buy				39	24	38																			
to Sell				16	20	21																			
Hld's(000)				2691	2733	2943																			



(A) Basic EPS. Excl. nonrecurring gain (loss): '00, (4c); '01, 2c; '02, 4c; '11, 4c. Next earnings report due early Nov.

(B) Dividends historically paid in late Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan available.

(C) Incl. deferred charges. In '11: \$2.2 mill., \$0.05/sh.
(D) In millions, adjusted for splits.
(E) Excludes non-reg. rev.

Company's Financial Strength B+
Stock's Price Stability 95
Price Growth Persistence 55
Earnings Predictability 90

CONN. WATER SERVICES				NDQ--CTWS		RECENT PRICE	31.34	TRAILING P/E RATIO	26.3	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	1.61	DIV'D YLD	3.1%	VALUE LINE
RANKS				29.76 23.83	28.17 21.91	27.71 20.29	25.61 22.40	28.95 19.26	26.44 17.31	27.90 20.00	29.10 23.27	32.84 26.15		High Low
PERFORMANCE	2	Above Average		<div>LEGENDS</div> <div>— 12 Mos Mov Avg</div> <div>... Rel Price Strength</div> <div>Shaded area indicates recession</div>										45
Technical	3	Average												30
SAFETY	3	Average												22.5
BETA	.75	(1.00 = Market)												13
Financial Strength	B+													9
Price Stability	90			6										
Price Growth Persistence	30			4										
Earnings Predictability	85			3										
© VALUE LINE PUBLISHING LLC				2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013/2014	
SALES PER SH				6.04	5.81	5.68	7.05	7.24	6.93	7.65	7.93	--	--	
"CASH FLOW" PER SH				1.91	1.62	1.52	1.90	1.95	1.93	2.04	2.11	--	--	
EARNINGS PER SH				1.16	.88	.81	1.05	1.11	1.19	1.13	1.13	1.41 ^{A,B}	1.41 ^C /NA	
DIV'DS DECL'D PER SH				.84	.85	.86	.87	.88	.90	.92	.94	--	--	
CAP'L SPENDING PER SH				1.58	1.96	1.96	2.24	2.44	3.28	3.06	2.61	--	--	
BOOK VALUE PER SH				10.94	11.52	11.60	11.95	12.23	12.67	13.05	13.50	--	--	
COMMON SHS OUTST'G (MILL)				8.04	8.17	8.27	8.38	8.46	8.57	8.68	8.76	--	--	
AVG ANN'L P/E RATIO				22.9	28.6	29.0	23.0	22.2	18.4	20.7	23.0	22.2	22.2/NA	
RELATIVE P/E RATIO				1.21	1.51	1.57	1.22	1.34	1.22	1.32	1.44	--	--	
AVG ANN'L DIV'D YIELD				3.1%	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	4.1%	3.9%	3.6%	--	--	
SALES (\$MILL)				48.5	47.5	46.9	59.0	61.3	59.4	66.4	69.4	--	--	Bold figures are consensus earnings estimates and, using the recent prices, P/E ratios.
OPERATING MARGIN				51.0%	48.3%	43.7%	40.8%	49.0%	35.8%	40.7%	54.1%	--	--	
DEPRECIATION (\$MILL)				6.0	6.1	5.9	7.2	7.1	6.4	7.9	8.6	--	--	
NET PROFIT (\$MILL)				9.4	7.2	6.7	8.8	9.4	10.2	9.8	9.9	--	--	
INCOME TAX RATE				22.9%	--	23.5%	32.4%	27.2%	19.5%	35.2%	41.3%	--	--	
NET PROFIT MARGIN				19.4%	15.1%	14.3%	14.9%	15.4%	17.2%	14.8%	14.2%	--	--	
WORKING CAP'L (\$MILL)				d.7	13.0	1.2	8.1	d3.3	d13.1	d14.7	d11.5	--	--	
LONG-TERM DEBT (\$MILL)				66.4	77.4	77.3	92.3	92.2	112.0	111.7	135.3	--	--	
SHR. EQUITY (\$MILL)				88.7	94.9	96.7	100.9	104.2	109.3	114.0	119.0	--	--	
RETURN ON TOTAL CAP'L				7.0%	5.0%	4.9%	5.5%	5.9%	5.5%	5.4%	4.9%	--	--	
RETURN ON SHR. EQUITY				10.6%	7.5%	6.9%	8.7%	9.0%	9.3%	8.6%	8.3%	--	--	
RETAINED TO COM EQ				3.1%	.3%	NMF	1.6%	1.9%	2.3%	1.6%	1.4%	--	--	
ALL DIV'DS TO NET PROF				71%	95%	105%	82%	79%	76%	81%	83%	--	--	
^No. of analysts changing earn. est. in last 5 days: 0 up, 0 down, consensus 5-year earnings growth not available. ^Based upon 6 analysts' estimates. ^Based upon 6 analysts' estimates.														
ANNUAL RATES				ASSETS (\$mill.)				INDUSTRY: Water Utility						
of change (per share)				5 Yrs.	1 Yr.	2010				2011	6/30/12	BUSINESS: Connecticut Water Service, Inc. operates as a water utility company in Connecticut. The Water Activities segment supplies public drinking water to residential, commercial, industrial, public authority, and fire protection customers. The Real Estate Transactions segment is involved in the sale of its limited excess real estate holdings. The Services and Rentals segment provides contracted services to water and wastewater utilities; and leases certain of its properties to third parties. This segment's services include contract operations of water and wastewater facilities; Linebacker, a service-line protection plan for public drinking water customers; and bulk deliveries of emergency drinking water to businesses and residences via tanker truck. As of March 13, 2012, the company provided drinking water to approximately 106,000 customers or 350,000 people in Connecticut and Maine. Has 198 employees. Chairman, C.E.O. & President: Eric W. Thornburg, Inc.: CT. Address: 93 West Main Street, Clinton, CT 06413. Tel.: (860) 669-8636. Internet: http://www.ctwater.com .		
Sales				5.0%	3.5%	1.0				1.0	3.4			
"Cash Flow"				4.0%	3.5%	10.1				14.9	18.8			
Earnings				4.0%	--	1.7				1.1	1.5			
Dividends				1.5%	2.0%	7.6				1.9	2.7			
Book Value				3.0%	3.5%	20.4				18.9	26.4			
Fiscal Year				Property, Plant & Equip, at cost				471.6	496.1	--				
1Q				Accum Depreciation				127.4	133.7	--				
2Q				Net Property				344.2	362.4	424.8				
3Q				Other				60.6	83.5	102.3				
4Q				Total Assets				425.2	464.8	553.5				
Full Year				LIABILITIES (\$mill.)										
12/31/10				Accts Payable				6.6	7.2	7.6				
12/31/11				Debt Due				26.3	21.4	25.5				
12/31/12				Other				2.2	1.8	3.8				
12/31/13				Current Liab				35.1	30.4	36.9				
Fiscal Year				LONG-TERM DEBT AND EQUITY as of 6/30/12										
1Q				Total Debt \$213.4 mill.				Due in 5 Yrs. NA						
2Q				LT Debt \$187.8 mill.										
3Q				Including Cap. Leases NA										
4Q								(61% of Cap'l)						
Full Year				Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals NA										
2009				Pension Liability \$23.6 mill. in '11 vs. \$16.7 mill. in '10										
2010				Pfd Stock \$.8 mill.				Pfd Div'd Paid NMF						
2011				Common Stock 8,815,234 shares				(39% of Cap'l)						
2012														
2013														
INSTITUTIONAL DECISIONS														
4Q'11				1Q'12				2Q'12						
to Buy				23				27						
to Sell				29				22						
Hld's(000)				2881				3053						
				3095										

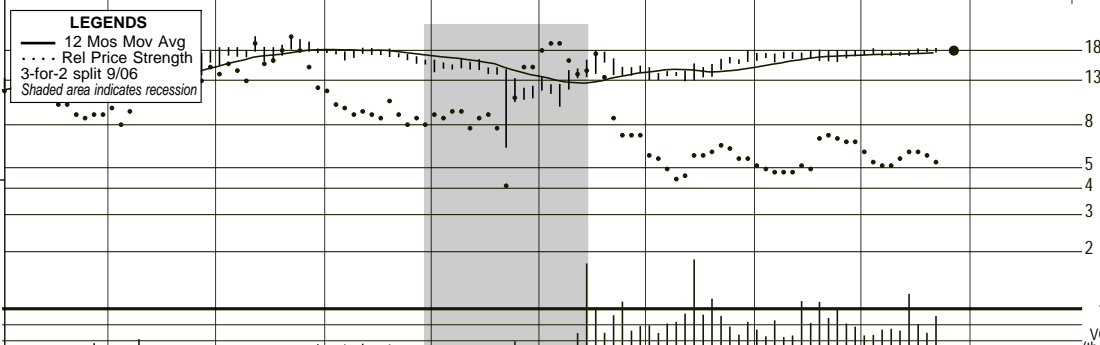
SJW CORP. NYSE-SJW					RECENT PRICE	24.55	P/E RATIO	23.4	(Trailing: 21.7 Median: 23.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	1.54	DIV'D YLD	2.9%	VALUE LINE	Target Price Range						
TIMELINESS	3	Raised 8/12/11	High: 17.8	15.1	15.0	19.6	27.8	45.3	43.0	35.1	30.4	28.2	26.8	25.8	2015 2016 2017						
SAFETY	3	New 4/22/11	Low: 11.6	12.7	12.6	14.6	16.1	21.2	27.7	20.0	18.2	21.6	20.9	22.7							
TECHNICAL	3	Lowered 9/21/12	LEGENDS 1.50 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate Relative Price Strength 3-for-1 split 3/04 2-for-1 split 3/06 Options: No Shaded areas indicate recessions																		
BETA	.85	(1.00 = Market)																			
2015-17 PROJECTIONS																					
Price	40	Gain	(+65%)	Ann'l Total Return	15%																
High	40	Low	30	(+20%)	7%																
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1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC 15-17			
5.39	5.79	5.58	6.40	6.74	7.45	7.97	8.20	9.14	9.86	10.35	11.25	12.12	11.68	11.62	12.86	12.50	12.60	Revenues per sh	13.70		
1.43	1.27	1.26	1.43	1.23	1.49	1.55	1.75	1.89	2.21	2.38	2.30	2.44	2.21	2.38	2.80	2.85	2.90	Cash Flow" per sh	3.05		
.96	.80	.76	.87	.58	.77	.78	.91	.87	1.12	1.19	1.04	1.08	.81	.84	1.11	1.05	1.15	Earnings per sh ^A	1.35		
.37	.38	.39	.40	.41	.43	.46	.49	.51	.53	.57	.61	.65	.66	.68	.69	.71	.73	Div'd Decl'd per sh ^B	.80		
1.06	1.27	1.81	1.77	1.89	2.63	2.06	3.41	2.31	2.83	3.87	6.62	3.79	3.17	5.65	3.75	4.10	4.75	Cap'l Spending per sh	3.70		
6.31	7.02	7.53	7.88	7.90	8.17	8.40	9.11	10.11	10.72	12.48	12.90	13.99	13.66	13.75	14.20	15.30	15.70	Book Value per sh	17.15		
19.02	19.02	19.01	18.27	18.27	18.27	18.27	18.27	18.27	18.27	18.28	18.36	18.18	18.50	18.55	18.59	20.00	21.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	23.00		
6.8	11.2	13.1	15.5	33.1	18.5	17.3	15.4	19.6	19.7	23.5	33.4	26.2	28.7	29.1	21.2	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	25.5		
.43	.65	.68	.88	2.15	.95	.94	.88	1.04	1.05	1.27	1.77	1.58	1.91	1.85	1.34			Relative P/E Ratio	1.70		
5.7%	4.3%	3.9%	3.0%	2.1%	3.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.0%	2.4%	2.0%	1.7%	2.3%	2.8%	2.8%	2.9%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.3%		
CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/12						145.7	149.7	166.9	180.1	189.2	206.6	220.3	216.1	215.6	239.0	255	275	Revenues (\$mill)	315		
Total Debt \$344.2 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$8.3 mill.						14.2	16.7	16.0	20.7	22.2	19.3	20.2	15.2	15.8	20.9	21.0	24.0	Net Profit (\$mill)	31.0		
LT Debt \$335.9 mill. LT Interest \$18.6 mill.						40.4%	36.2%	42.1%	41.6%	40.8%	39.4%	39.5%	40.4%	38.8%	41.1%	41.0%	41.0%	Income Tax Rate	40.0%		
(Total interest coverage: 2.9x) (56% of Cap'l)						4.2%	1.6%	2.1%	1.6%	2.1%	2.7%	2.3%	2.0%	2.0%	3.0%	5.0%	5.0%	AFUDC % to Net Profit	5.0%		
Leases, Uncapitalized: Annual rentals \$4.5 mill.						41.7%	45.6%	43.7%	42.6%	41.8%	47.7%	46.0%	49.4%	53.7%	56.6%	53.0%	53.0%	Long-Term Debt Ratio	52.0%		
Pension Assets-12/11 \$62.8 mill.						58.3%	54.4%	56.3%	57.4%	58.2%	52.3%	54.0%	50.6%	46.3%	43.4%	47.0%	47.0%	Common Equity Ratio	48.0%		
Oblig. \$123.9 mill.						263.5	306.0	328.3	341.2	391.8	453.2	470.9	499.6	550.7	607.8	650	705	Total Capital (\$mill)	825		
Pfd Stock None.						390.8	428.5	456.8	484.8	541.7	645.5	684.2	718.5	785.5	756.2	810	875	Net Plant (\$mill)	1050		
Common Stock 18,636,796 shs.						6.9%	6.9%	6.5%	7.6%	7.0%	5.7%	5.8%	4.4%	4.3%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	5.0%		
as of 7/20/12						9.3%	10.0%	8.7%	10.6%	9.7%	8.2%	8.0%	6.0%	6.2%	7.9%	7.0%	7.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	7.0%		
MARKET CAP: \$450 million (Small Cap)						9.3%	10.0%	8.7%	10.6%	9.7%	8.2%	8.0%	6.0%	6.2%	7.9%	7.0%	7.5%	Return on Com Equity	7.0%		
CURRENT POSITION						3.8%	4.7%	3.6%	5.6%	5.2%	3.5%	3.3%	1.2%	1.2%	3.1%	2.0%	2.5%	Retained to Com Eq	3.0%		
(SMILL.)						59%	53%	58%	47%	46%	57%	59%	80%	80%	61%	68%	64%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	59%		
Cash Assets						1.7	26.7	9.3													
Other						36.3	42.2	49.0													
Current Assets						38.0	68.9	58.3													
Accts Payable						5.5	7.4	14.3													
Debt Due						5.1	.8	8.3													
Other						18.6	20.1	23.3													
Current Liab.						29.2	28.3	45.9													
Fix. Chg. Cov.						262%	276%	250%													
ANNUAL RATES						Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '09-'11 to '15-'17													
of change (per sh)						6.0%	4.5%	2.0%													
Revenues						6.0%	2.5%	3.5%													
"Cash Flow"						2.0%	-3.0%	6.5%													
Earnings						5.0%	5.0%	3.0%													
Dividends						5.5%	4.5%	3.5%													
Book Value																					
QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)						Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year										
2009						40.0	58.2	69.3	48.6	216.1											
2010						40.4	54.1	70.3	50.8	215.6											
2011						43.7	59.0	73.9	62.4	239.0											
2012						51.2	65.6	75.0	63.2	255											
2013						55.0	70.0	82.0	68.0	275											
EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A						Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year										
2009						.01	.23	.43	.14	.81											
2010						.05	.24	.44	.11	.84											
2011						.03	.29	.44	.35	1.11											
2012						.06	.28	.45	.26	1.05											
2013						.06	.33	.48	.28	1.15											
QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B						Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year										
2008						.16	.16	.16	.16	.64											
2009						.165	.165	.165	.165	.66											
2010						.17	.17	.17	.17	.68											
2011						.173	.173	.173	.173	.69											
2012						.1775	.1775	.1775													

Business: SJW Corporation engages in the production, purchase, storage, purification, distribution, and retail sale of water. It provides water service to approximately 226,000 connections that serve a population of approximately one million people in the San Jose area and 8,700 connections that serve approximately 36,000 residents in a service area in the region between San Antonio and Austin, Texas. The company offers nonregulated water-related services, including water system operations, cash remittances, and maintenance contract services. SJW also owns and operates commercial real estate investments. Has 375 employees. Chairman: Charles J. Toeniskoetter, Inc.: CA. Address: 110 W. Taylor Street, San Jose, CA 95110. Tel.: (408) 279-7800. Int:www.sjwater.com.

Rising costs of doing business weighed on SJW's earnings in the second quarter. Cumulative rate increases helped the water utility post an 11% sales increase, but 23% higher water production costs, due to a reduced supply and higher purchase and extraction prices, caused earnings to dip 4%. Higher administrative and interest expenses also took a toll. **We suspect that the earnings environment will remain difficult in the months ahead.** There is no evidence that operating costs will subside anytime soon. In fact, maintenance expenses are likely to remain on an upswing, as water systems continue to age and systems require further repairs. Meanwhile, the company is expected to receive little, if any, help on the regulatory front in the upcoming months, as there are no rate case decisions likely to be handed down until yearend. That said, a favorable ruling on the 2013-2015 general rate case ought to provide moderate earnings upside next year. **Our longer-term expectations remain muted because of the likelihood of growing capital requirements.** Infrastructure improvements are expected to

cost hundreds of millions of dollars over the next few years. However, SJW's cash reserves are running on empty, and cash flow from operations is slated to fall well short of the amount needed to implement the necessary changes. The company will have to issue more stock and/or debt to make the changes, but such financial actions will dilute gains for the foreseeable future. As a result, we look for annual earnings gains to remain in the mid single digit range over the next 3- to 5-years. **We are not proponents of this stock at this time.** It lacks growth appeal due to the capital-intensive nature of the industry and the company's aforementioned financial limitations regardless of whether or not regulatory backing improves in 2013. The dividend is solid and adds a nice touch, but those seeking an income producer have far better options to choose from elsewhere. Plus, we still contend that there remains the possibility that the company would have to revise the payout if operating conditions worsen and regulatory authorities decide to take on a more consumer-friendly stance.

Andre J. Costanza
October 19, 2012

YORK WATER CO		NDQ--YORW		RECENT PRICE		17.95		TRAILING P/E RATIO		26.8		RELATIVE P/E RATIO		1.64		DIV'D YLD		3.0%		VALUE LINE				
RANKS		14.03 11.00		17.87 11.67		20.99 15.33		18.55 15.45		16.50 6.23		17.95 9.74		18.00 12.83		18.14 15.81		18.49 16.94		High Low				
PERFORMANCE	2	Above Average		<div>LEGENDS</div> <div>— 12 Mos Mov Avg</div> <div>... Rel Price Strength</div> <div>3-for-2 split 9/06</div> <div>Shaded area indicates recession</div> 																				
Technical	3	Average																						
SAFETY	2	Above Average																						
BETA	.65	(1.00 = Market)																						
Financial Strength	B++																							
Price Stability	95																							
Price Growth Persistence	65																							
Earnings Predictability	100																							
© VALUE LINE PUBLISHING LLC		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013/2014													
REVENUES PER SH		2.18	2.58	2.56	2.79	2.89	2.95	3.07	3.18	--														
"CASH FLOW" PER SH		.65	.79	.77	.86	.88	.95	1.07	1.09	--														
EARNINGS PER SH		.49	.56	.58	.57	.57	.64	.71	.71	.71 ^{A,B}	.79 ^C /NA													
DIV'D DECL'D PER SH		.39	.42	.45	.48	.49	.51	.52	.53	--														
CAP'L SPENDING PER SH		2.50	1.69	1.85	1.69	2.17	1.18	.83	.74	--														
BOOK VALUE PER SH		4.65	4.85	5.84	5.97	6.14	6.92	7.19	7.45	--														
COMMON SHS OUTST'G (MILL)		10.33	10.40	11.20	11.27	11.37	12.56	12.69	12.79	--														
AVG ANN'L P/E RATIO		25.7	26.3	31.2	30.3	24.6	21.9	20.7	23.9	25.3	22.7/NA													
RELATIVE P/E RATIO		1.36	1.39	1.68	1.61	1.48	1.46	1.32	1.50	--														
AVG ANN'L DIV'D YIELD		3.1%	2.9%	2.5%	2.8%	3.5%	3.6%	3.5%	3.1%	--														
REVENUES (\$MILL)		22.5	26.8	28.7	31.4	32.8	37.0	39.0	40.6	--	Bold figures are consensus earnings estimates and, using the recent prices, P/E ratios.													
NET PROFIT (\$MILL)		4.8	5.8	6.1	6.4	6.4	7.5	8.9	9.1	--														
INCOME TAX RATE		36.7%	36.7%	34.4%	36.5%	36.1%	37.9%	38.5%	35.3%	--														
AFUDC % TO NET PROFIT		--	--	7.2%	3.6%	10.1%	--	1.2%	1.1%	--														
LONG-TERM DEBT RATIO		42.5%	44.1%	48.3%	46.5%	54.5%	45.7%	48.3%	47.1%	--														
COMMON EQUITY RATIO		57.5%	55.9%	51.7%	53.5%	45.5%	54.3%	51.7%	52.9%	--														
TOTAL CAPITAL (\$MILL)		83.6	90.3	126.5	125.7	153.4	160.1	176.4	180.2	--														
NET PLANT (\$MILL)		140.0	155.3	174.4	191.6	211.4	222.0	228.4	233.0	--														
RETURN ON TOTAL CAP'L		7.6%	8.4%	6.2%	6.7%	5.7%	6.2%	6.5%	6.4%	--														
RETURN ON SHR. EQUITY		10.0%	11.6%	9.3%	9.5%	9.2%	8.6%	9.8%	9.5%	--														
RETURN ON COM EQUITY		10.0%	11.6%	9.3%	9.5%	9.2%	8.6%	9.8%	9.5%	--														
RETAINED TO COM EQ		2.1%	3.0%	2.2%	1.7%	1.4%	1.9%	2.7%	2.5%	--														
ALL DIV'DS TO NET PROF		79%	74%	77%	82%	85%	78%	72%	73%	--														
^No. of analysts changing earn. est. in last 5 days: 0 up, 0 down, consensus 5-year earnings growth not available. ^Based upon 5 analysts' estimates. ^Based upon 5 analysts' estimates.																								
ANNUAL RATES					ASSETS (\$mill.)				INDUSTRY: Water Utility															
of change (per share)					5 Yrs.	1 Yr.																		
Revenues					4.5%	3.5%					BUSINESS: The York Water Company engages in the impounding, purification, and distribution of water in York and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania. The company has two reservoirs, Lake Williams and Lake Redman, which together hold approximately 2.2 billion gallons of water. It also has a 15- mile pipeline from the Susquehanna River to Lake Redman that provides access to an additional supply of 12.0 million gallons of untreated water per day. The company's service territory has an estimated population of 187,000. Industry within the company's service territory is diversified, manufacturing such items as fixtures and furniture, electrical machinery, food products, paper, ordnance units, textile products, air conditioning systems, laundry detergent, barbells, and motorcycles. As of December 31, 2011, The York Water Company served approximately 187,000 residential, commercial, industrial, and other customers in 39 municipalities in York County and seven municipalities in Adams County. Has 106 employees. C.E.O. & President: Jeffrey R. Hines. Inc.: PA. Address: 130 East Market Street, York, PA 17401. Tel.: (717) 845-3601. Internet: http://www.yorkwater.com . J.V.													
"Cash Flow"					7.0%	2.5%																		
Earnings					5.0%	--																		
Dividends					4.0%	2.5%																		
Book Value					7.0%	3.5%																		
Fiscal Year	QUARTERLY SALES (\$mill.)				Full Year	LIABILITIES (\$mill.)																		
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q		Accts Payable																		
12/31/10	9.0	9.7	10.5	9.8	39.0	Debt Due																		
12/31/11	9.6	10.5	10.5	10.0	40.6	Other																		
12/31/12	9.7	10.4				Current Liab																		
12/31/13																								
Fiscal Year	EARNINGS PER SHARE				Full Year	LONG-TERM DEBT AND EQUITY as of 6/30/12																		
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q		Total Debt \$85.0 mill.																		
12/31/09	.13	.17	.18	.16	.64	LT Debt \$85.0 mill.																		
12/31/10	.15	.18	.21	.17	.71	Including Cap. Leases NA																		
12/31/11	.17	.19	.19	.16	.71	(47% of Cap'l)																		
12/31/12	.15	.17	.21	.18		Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals NA																		
12/31/13	.17																							
Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID				Full Year	Pension Liability \$14.7 mill. in '11 vs. \$9.8 mill. in '10																		
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q		Pfd Stock None																		
2009	.126	.126	.126	.126	.50	Pfd Div'd Paid None																		
2010	.128	.128	.128	.128	.51	Common Stock 12,855,471 shares																		
2011	.131	.131	.131	.134	.53	(53% of Cap'l)																		
2012	.133	.134	.134	.134																				
INSTITUTIONAL DECISIONS																								
4Q'11					1Q'12	2Q'12																		
to Buy					30	26	33																	
to Sell					20	20	19																	
Hld's(000)					3211	3220	3270																	

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(A) Primary earnings. Excludes nonrecurring gains/(losses): '04, 14¢; '05, 25¢; '06, 6¢; '08, (27¢); '10, (45¢) '11, 20¢. Next earnings report due late July. Quarterly egs. may not add due

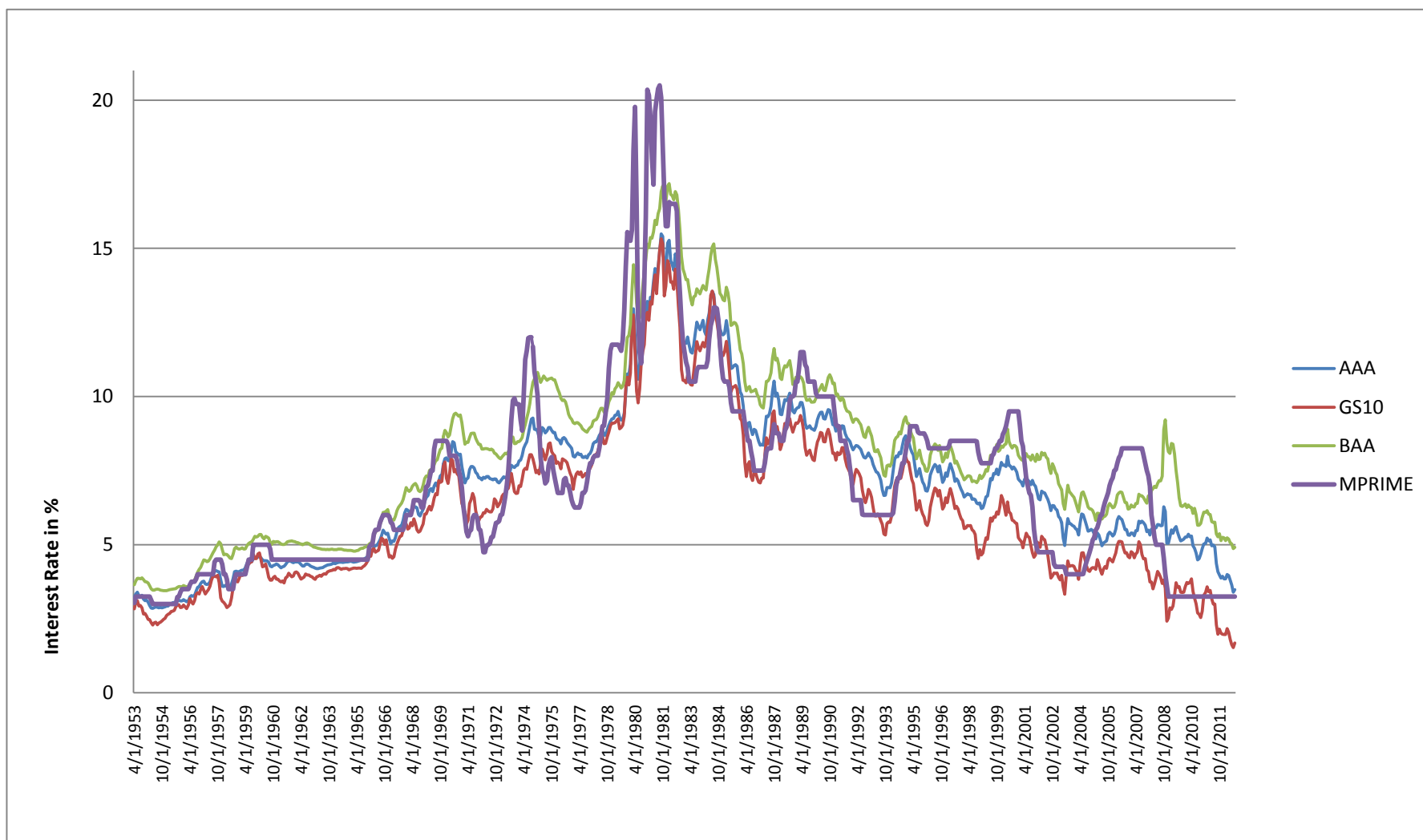
(B) Dividends historically paid in early March, June, September, and December. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan available.

(C) In millions, adjusted for split.

Company's Financial Strength	A
Stock's Price Stability	90
Price Growth Persistence	65
Earnings Predictability	85

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Consensus Forecasts Of U.S. Interest Rates And Key Assumptions¹

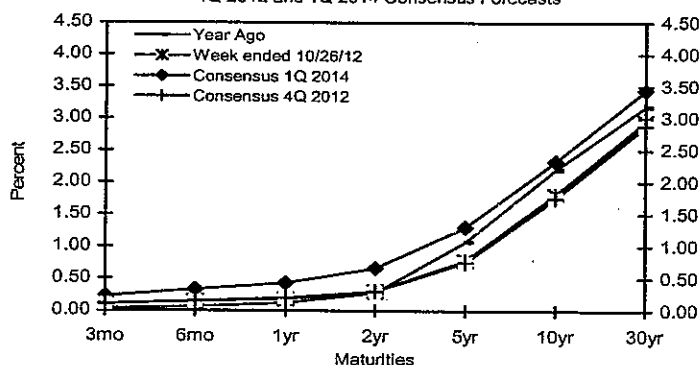
Interest Rates	History								Consensus Forecasts-Quarterly Avg.					
	Average For Week Ending				Average For Month				4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q
	Oct. 26	Oct. 19	Oct. 12	Oct. 5	Sept.	August	July	3Q 2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2014
Federal Funds Rate	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.16	0.14	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Prime Rate	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
LIBOR, 3-mo.	0.32	0.33	0.35	0.35	0.39	0.43	0.46	0.43	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Commercial Paper, 1-mo.	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Treasury bill, 3-mo.	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Treasury bill, 6-mo.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Treasury bill, 1 yr.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Treasury note, 2 yr.	0.30	0.29	0.27	0.24	0.26	0.27	0.25	0.26	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7
Treasury note, 5 yr.	0.78	0.74	0.67	0.63	0.67	0.71	0.62	0.67	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3
Treasury note, 10 yr.	1.81	1.79	1.71	1.67	1.72	1.68	1.53	1.64	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3
Treasury note, 30 yr.	2.95	2.94	2.88	2.86	2.88	2.77	2.59	2.75	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4
Corporate Aaa bond	3.50	3.50	3.44	3.44	3.49	3.48	3.40	3.46	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1
Corporate Baa bond	4.53	4.55	4.60	4.69	4.84	4.91	4.87	4.87	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.3
State & Local bonds	3.68	3.68	3.64	3.61	3.73	3.74	3.78	3.75	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0
Home mortgage rate	3.41	3.37	3.39	3.36	3.50	3.60	3.55	3.55	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.0

Key Assumptions	History								Consensus Forecasts-Quarterly					
	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q
	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2014
Major Currency Index	73.0	71.9	69.6	69.9	72.4	72.9	73.9	74.0	73.1	73.5	73.9	74.2	74.2	74.3
Real GDP	2.4	0.1	2.5	1.3	4.1	2.0	1.3	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.2	2.6	2.8	2.8
GDP Price Index	2.1	2.0	2.6	3.0	0.4	2.0	1.6	2.8	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1
Consumer Price Index	3.0	4.5	4.4	3.1	1.3	2.5	0.8	2.3	2.4	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.2

Forecasts for interest rates and the Federal Reserve's Major Currency Index represent averages for the quarter. Forecasts for Real GDP, GDP Price Index and Consumer Price Index are seasonally-adjusted annual rates of change (saar). Individual panel members' forecasts are on pages 4 through 9. Historical data for interest rates except LIBOR is from Federal Reserve Release (FRSR) H.15. LIBOR quotes available from *The Wall Street Journal*. Interest rate definitions are the same as those in FRSR H.15. Treasury yields are reported on a constant maturity basis. Historical data for the Fed's Major Currency Index is from FRSR H.10 and G.5. Historical data for Real GDP and GDP Chained Price Index are from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Consumer Price Index (CPI) history is from the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

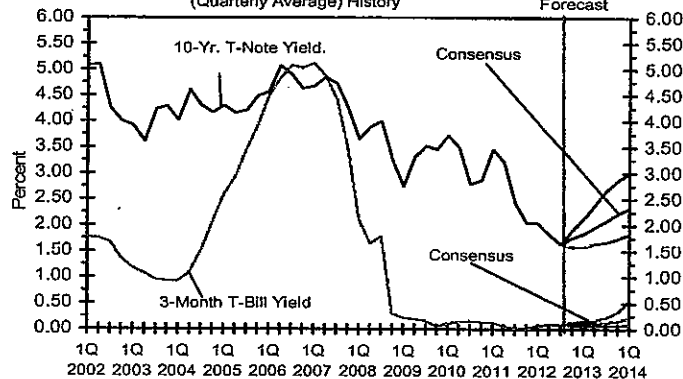
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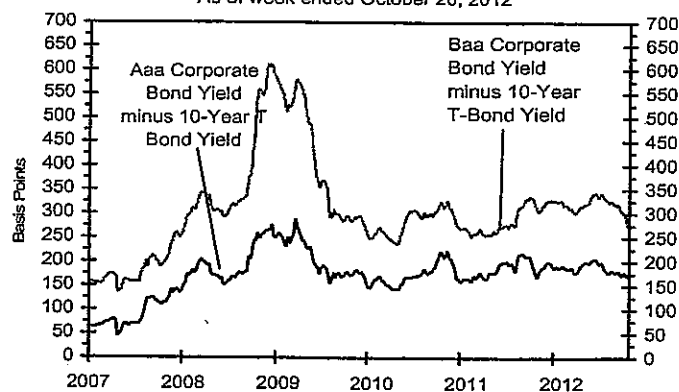
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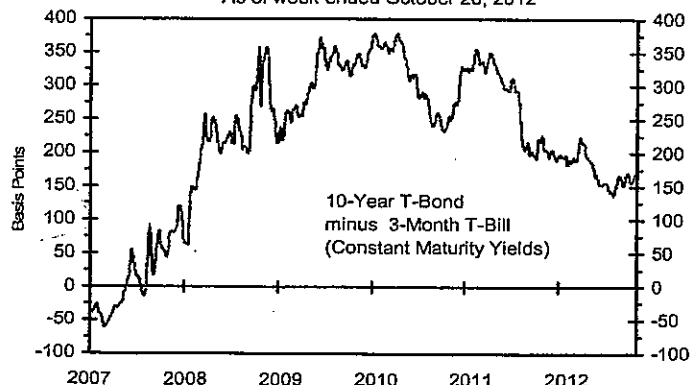
Corporate Bond Spreads

As of week ended October 26, 2012



U.S. Treasury Yield Curve

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Ms. Michele L. Van Quathem, RYLEY CARLOCK &

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Settlement Agreement filed December 15, 2011, as supplemented by the Settlement Agreement Addenda filed February 8, 2012, and attached to this Decision as Attachments A and B, respectively, are hereby approved as discussed herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Arizona-American Water Company/ EPCOR Water (USA), Inc., is hereby directed to file with the Commission, on or before June 29, 2012, revised schedules of rates and charges consistent with Attachments A and B, and the findings herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the revised schedules of rates and charges shall be effective for all service rendered on and after July 1, 2012.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Arizona-American Water Company/ EPCOR Water (USA), Inc., shall notify its affected customers of the revised schedules of rates and charges authorized herein by means of an insert in its next regularly scheduled billing, and by posting on its website, in a form acceptable to the Commission's Utilities Division Staff.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Arizona-American Water Company/ EPCOR Water (USA), Inc., shall implement and comply with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Settlement Agreement Addenda as discussed herein, including filing all reports, studies, and plans as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Arizona-American Water Company/ EPCOR Water (USA), Inc., shall file with Docket Control, by March 1, 2013, as a compliance item in this docket, for Staff's review and approval, five-year plans to determine the most cost-effective approach to address non-revenue water in the Mohave and Havasu Water Districts, based on leak survey and system analysis.

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153. The Settlement provides that total adjusted test year operating expenses should be \$22,889,953 for the Agua Fria Water District, \$5,179,767 for the Mohave Water District and \$1,383,523 for the Havasu Water District. Under the proposed rates, the parties agreed that total operating expenses would be \$28,474,624, \$5,906,383, and \$1,627,436 for Agua Fria, Mohave, and Havasu, respectively. (*Id.* at 2.1(d).)

154. The Agreement states that the revenue requirements for the three districts should be based on Staff's recommended depreciation rates. (*Id.* at 2.1(e).)

155. The Settlement Agreement also provides that an overall rate of return equal to 7.1 percent is fair and reasonable in this case, based on a capital structure of 41.27 percent equity and 58.73 percent debt (11.35 percent short-term and 47.38 percent long-term). The parties agreed that the cost of short-term debt would be 0.41 percent; long-term debt would be 5.66 percent; and the return on equity would be 10.6 percent. (*Id.* at 2.1(f).)

156. Based on the parties' agreed upon return on rate base and recoverable operating expenses, Arizona-American would have total operating income of \$9,757,143, \$810,696, and \$254,108 for the Agua Fria, Mohave, and Havasu Water Districts, respectively. (*Id.* at 2.1(g).)

157. The revenue requirements set forth in the Settlement Agreement would result in a rate increase of 58.0 percent for Agua Fria, a 36.95 percent increase for Mohave, and 47.95 percent for Havasu. However, the Agua Fria increase would be phased in. (*Id.* at 2.1(h).)

158. The parties agree that the revenue requirements provided for by the Settlement Agreement are just and reasonable, and would result in Arizona-American recovering its reasonable operating expenses and a just and reasonable return on its FVRB. The Agreement requires the Company to implement a low income program/tariff in the form attached to the Settlement. (*Id.* at 2.1(i) and (j).)

159. The Settlement Agreement further provides that the new rates would take effect on July 1, 2012. (*Id.* at 2.3.)

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160. The Settlement provides that the \$137,424,547 FVRB for Agua Fria includes the total cost of the White Tanks treatment plant, and the related deferral, at a total cost of \$78,926,399.

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York Water Company: Selected Financial Data
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For the Year	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Water operating revenues	\$40,629	\$39,005	\$37,043	\$32,838	\$31,433
Operating expenses	<u>20,754</u>	<u>19,238</u>	<u>19,655</u>	<u>18,158</u>	<u>17,333</u>
Operating income	19,875	19,767	17,388	14,680	14,100
Interest expense	5,155	4,795	4,780	4,112	3,916
Other income (expenses), net	<u>-677</u>	<u>-465</u>	<u>-517</u>	<u>-509</u>	<u>-78</u>
Income before income taxes	14,043	14,507	12,091	10,059	10,106
Income taxes	<u>4,959</u>	<u>5,578</u>	<u>4,579</u>	<u>3,628</u>	<u>3,692</u>
Net income	\$9,084	\$8,929	\$7,512	\$6,431	\$6,414
Per Share of Common Stock					
Book value	\$7.45	\$7.19	\$6.92	\$6.14	\$5.97
Basic earnings per share	0.71	0.71	0.64	0.57	0.57
Cash dividends declared per share	0.5266	0.515	0.506	0.489	0.475
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year	12,734,420	12,626,660	11,695,155	11,298,215	11,225,822
Utility Plant					
Original cost,					
net of acquisition adjustments	\$278,344	\$269,856	\$259,839	\$245,249	\$222,354
Construction expenditures	9,472	10,541	12,535	24,438	18,154
Other					
Total assets	\$274,219	\$259,931	\$248,837	\$240,442	\$210,969
Long-term debt					
including current portion	85,017	85,173	77,568	86,353	70,505
Interest Expense/Total Long-Term Debt	6.06%	5.63%	6.16%	4.76%	5.55%
Average Long-Term Debt Expense	5.63%				

Source: York Water Company's Annual Report to the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission for year ending 12/31/11, p.16.

Note: Last row is calculated from cited items in the table; confirmed in 11/15/12 telecon with CFO

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CAPITAL STRUCTURE

DOLLAR AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL	COST RATE	EMBEDDED COST	WEIGHTED COST RATES
\$180,000,000	50.25%	6.00%	\$11,844,000	3.02%
<u>\$178,201,903</u>	49.75%	9.98%	<u>\$19,334,906</u>	<u>4.96%</u>
<u>\$358,201,903</u>			<u>\$31,178,906</u>	<u>7.98%</u>
<i>The Rate of Return, 7.98%, represents return at CEM result if Debt rate equaled 6.00%</i>				
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\$180,000,000	50.25%	6.58%	\$11,880,000	3.31%
<u>\$178,201,903</u>	49.75%	9.39%	<u>\$19,334,906</u>	<u>4.67%</u>
<u>\$358,201,903</u>			<u>\$31,214,906</u>	<u>7.98%</u>
<i>The ROE represents the ROE necessarily to achieve 7.98% Rate of Return, if the Debt rate were 6.58%</i>				

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\$180,000,000	50.25%	6.00%	\$11,880,000	3.02%
<u>\$178,201,903</u>	49.75%	9.23%	<u>\$19,334,906</u>	<u>4.59%</u>
<u>\$358,201,903</u>			<u>\$31,214,906</u>	<u>7.61%</u>
<i>The Rate of Return, 7.62%, represents return at CEM result if Debt rate equaled 6.00%</i>				
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\$180,000,000	50.25%	6.58%	\$11,880,000	3.31%
<u>\$178,201,903</u>	49.75%	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 2px;">8.66%</div>	<u>\$19,334,906</u>	<u>4.31%</u>
<u>\$358,201,903</u>			<u>\$31,214,906</u>	<u>7.61%</u>
<i>The ROE represents the ROE necessarily to achieve 7.61% Rate of Return, if the Debt rate were 6.58%</i>				

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\$180,000,000	50.25%	6.00%	\$11,880,000	3.02%
<u>\$178,201,903</u>	49.75%	8.48%	<u>\$19,334,906</u>	<u>4.22%</u>
<u>\$358,201,903</u>			<u>\$31,214,906</u>	<u>7.23%</u>
<i>The Rate of Return, 7.25%, represents return at CEM result if Debt rate equaled 6.00%</i>				
\$180,000,000	50.25%	6.58%	\$11,880,000	3.31%
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Explanation of the Dividend Adjustment
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Measuring the dividend yields accurately for purposes of the DCF presents difficulties. Companies have different dividend declaration dates and some companies allow their dividends to fluctuate from quarter to quarter, which makes an accurate statement of a company's yield and comparison among firms harder to calculate. There is a potential undercounting of 150% over three quarters, as indicated in the following table which analyzes a hypothetical company:

Company Quarter	Quarters for which an increase would be counted	Potential Undercounting
First	4	0.0 [because $1 - \frac{4}{4} = 0$]
Second	3	0.25 ($\frac{1}{4}$) [because $1 - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$]
Third	2	0.50 ($\frac{1}{2}$) [because $1 - \frac{2}{4} = \frac{2}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$]
Fourth	1	0.75 ($\frac{3}{4}$) [because $1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$]
Total Undercounting over Three Quarters		1.5 (0.25+0.50+0.75) [$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{3}{4}$]
Undercounting per Quarter		1.5/3=0.5

If increases occur after the next known declared dividend payment, each quarter's dividend will be more undercounted going forward because dividend payments are measured on a yearly basis. A dividend increase is assumed to be at the overall growth rate "g." An increase taking place in the first quarter's dividend would be counted for that quarter and the rest of the year, but subsequent increases would be counted for only

part of the remaining year. Overall, there is a potential undercounting of half of the total potential increases and each quarter could be undercounted by one-half. There are three such potentially undercounted quarters each year, therefore the total dividend yield must be multiplied by the growth rate times 50%, or 0.5, + 1, as depicted in the formula below:

$$K = (DIV_1 * (1 + 0.5g)) + g$$

The parenthetical part of this equation is called the “adjusted dividend yield.”